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Clinton honors Clint with Kennedy medal

By KIRSTIE WILDE

FROM "REVENGE of the Creature" in 1955 to "Space Cowboys" in 2000, Clint Eastwood has entertained at least four generations of Americans and movie fans worldwide. For that "lifetime of contributions to American culture through the performing arts," President and Mrs. Clinton honored Carmel's favorite former mayor with the Kennedy Center medal in Washington, D.C., Dec. 3

Eastwood and his wife Dina joined four other honorees, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Chuck Berry, Plácido Domingo and Angela Lansbury, for a reception at the White House, a banquet at the State Department and a two-hour tribute at the Kennedy Center. Eastwood said he especially enjoyed the presentation in his honor because it wasn't full of clichés.

PHOTO/MARGOT SCHULMAN

After being awarded the Kennedy Center Medal for 50 years of excellence in film making, Clint Eastwood was congratulated by actress Michelle Lee and musician Herbie Hancock. The subject of conversation was 'growing old gracefully,' which cracked up Dina Eastwood (left).

"They produced wonderful montages of Baryshnikov dancing, Domingo and Chuck Berry singing and Angela Lansbury's acting career," he said. "Mine was kind of nice, too; not the usual 'Make my day' stuff."

He said his tough-guy image got a few laughs at the State Department banquet Saturday night when Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told the audience she and Eastwood had a lot in common: "We both have to deal with a lot of bad guys." And President Clinton

*See **HONOR** back page*

Not so Dirty Harry and Billy Curtis in "High Plains Drifter," the first western Eastwood directed 30 years ago.

Disabled woman tries again for $$

By PAUL MILLER

JUST TWO months after a federal jury said her civil rights weren't violated by Clint Eastwood, Diane zum Brunnen and her attorneys have gone back to court with a new strategy to get damages from the former Carmel mayor.

This time, zum Brunnen says she is entitled to a "statutory minimum" award of $5,000 — which would open the door to a claim for huge attorneys' fees — because Eastwood admitted there were several minor violations of disability access requirements at the Mission Ranch when she visited in January 1997. Ironically, zum Brunnen claims that Eastwood's success in convincing a San Jose jury during a September trial that she went to the ranch solely to create a basis for the lawsuit — not to enjoy herself as a Mission Ranch customer — entitles her to the money as a "disability violations tester."

Diane zum Brunnen

"Defendant's argument that plaintiff went to the premises in order to challenge access violations entitles plaintiff to 'tester' status and statutory damages as a matter of law," zum Brunnen's attorney, Paul Rein, argues in court papers filed Oct. 31.

If U.S. District Court Judge James Ware agrees, a claim for legal fees approaching $1 million could follow, according to Eastwood's Monterey attorney, Chuck Keller. He says zum Brunnen shouldn't get a dime because the jury didn't believe her detailed testimony of being snubbed and humiliated at Mission Ranch and concluded she hadn't been harmed at all.

"The evidence conclusively established," Keller told the court, that zum Brunnen "never attempted to gain access to the hotel office, never attempted to rent a room" and wasn't confused by signs at Mission Ranch. "The jury found that plaintiff was not discriminated against. She is therefore not entitled to damages," Keller said.

*See **LAWSUIT** page 14A*

TWO OCEAN AVENUE SHOPS CLOSE DOORS FOR GOOD

By MARY BROWNFIELD

IT'S HARD to miss the big, red "Store Closing — 30 Percent Off — All Sales Final" signs hanging in the windows of The Nature Company, where Carmelites and visitors have purchased telescopes, tumbled rocks and plastic dinosaur eggs for the past 14 years. And next door, black and white versions of the same message appear in the window of Carumba Automobile Specialties, a unique-to-Carmel shop catering to the automotive crowd. Both stores will be closed by the end of the year.

The leases for the businesses have expired, according to building manager Jerry Anderson, and neither wished to renew. The building — which comprises just two storefronts — is owned by the Santa Cruz-based Casey C. Silvey Trust.

As the usual rumors of rent increases circulated through the business community, an official with The Nature Company's parent corporation, Discovery Channel Communications, Inc., said many issues came into play in the decision to close the shop.

Discovery Channel has been systematically closing and revamping old Nature Company stores in a full-scale conversion effort, according to Kim Airhart.

"There isn't one factor that goes into why stores close — we're always looking for new and different locations," she said. "As consumer taste changes over the years, what was once successful, isn't today."

Profitability, location and demographics were all weighed into the company's choice not to renew the store's lease, according to Airhart.

"Carmel is a wonderful location," she said. "I'm sure we're going to look hard for another spot, but it would be misleading to say we would immediately open a Discovery Channel store there."

Regarding possible increases in the rent, Airhart said, "I don't know what kind of discussions the real estate team had with [property] management, but based on those factors we've decided to close the store and not reopen it."

Ay Carumba

Carumba owner David Yankey said he decided to close his store because the rent was raised when the lease came up for renewal.

"It's the high rents," he said. "Our lease was up and we could not afford to pay the rent."

He declined to comment on the specifics, but said, "I don't want to badmouth the situation, but I'm concerned with the rents — I'm concerned that this town's going to be faced with national chains."

The Nature Company was a national chain. Anderson said he did not believe an increase in rent was the real reason for Carumba's departure.

*See **CLOSING** page 14A*

PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Little Ryan Malone of Aptos made off with an on-sale tiger while shopping with dad Pat at The Nature Company Dec. 7.

MAIL BAN EXTENDED WHILE COUNCIL WORKS ON COMPROMISE

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE CARMEL City Council voted unanimously Dec. 5 to extend the 45-day ban on mailboxes to a year, but promised to deliver a solution to the town's mail controversy within 30 days.

City administrator Rich Guillen is investigating the possibility of contracting home delivery to licensed courier services, an option which some officials hope may be the compromise that will satisfy both sides of the mail debate.

The city is also talking with volunteers from the Carmel Residents Association who have offered to deliver mail to disabled residents as a courtesy.

Council members had several questions about using courier services, including whether or not the private carriers would be bonded and whether the service would be offered free of charge to all residents who request it, even if they are not disabled.

"I would like to explore making the contract not just with people who are infirm, but for people who simply choose not to go [to the post office]," said councilman Gerard Rose.

Councilwoman Paula Hazdovac asked if there would be some kind of guarantee that the city would continue to pay for the courier service even during budgetary crises.

Some of the home delivery activists who attended the Dec. 5 meeting doubted whether contracting with private couriers is really the best way to deliver the mail.

"If we don't want mail trucks in Carmel going up and down streets delivering mail," said Carolina Bayne, "is the courier going to be riding a bike? That argument doesn't hold water."

Bayne and activist Joe Steinfeld have been the most vocal proponents of home mail delivery. Steinfeld began the campaign last March when he held a one-man protest outside the Fifth Avenue post office.

Until now, Carmelites — who have neither street addresses nor mailboxes — have always picked up their mail at the post office.

While informal polls show that the majority of the town prefers to retain the post office tradition, Steinfeld has rallied a number of disabled residents and others who want their mail at home.

After intense lobbying by Steinfeld, the U.S. Postal Service agreed in August to begin street delivery. Last month, the council enacted the 45-day ban on mailboxes in an attempt to come up with a compromise solution.

Although some who attended the Dec. 5 meeting accused the council of stalling, Council members insisted they were serious about solving the mail quandary.

"I personally would love to have home delivery," said Paula Hazdovac. "I would love to have it for my business. I would love to have the problem go away as quickly as possible."

"I, too, am growing weary of this," said councilman Dick Ely. "The rational concerns being expressed from residents of the community are compelling. We need to investigate alternatives."

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Carmel police report finding more fake checks

By MARY BROWNFIELD

MORE INCIDENTS of counterfeit checks being passed at Peninsula businesses have been reported to police, Carmel PD Detective Sgt. Pete Poitras said this week, bringing the total number of bad checks found to six. And he said there may be more.

"We believe it is the same group of people — possibly two females and one male," he said. The male reportedly placed take-out orders with restaurants amounting to $30 or $40, and when a female arrived to pick up the food, she would use a check made out for $100 and receive cash back, according to Poitras.

In Carmel, a total of four counterfeit checks were passed on Nov. 16 and 17, according to Poitras. A bad check was used at a Monterey restaurant Nov. 2, and another passed in Pacific Grove.

Varying descriptions of a woman — brown hair or blonde, thin or not-so-thin, mole or no mole, glasses or no glasses — have led police to believe there may be two females involved in the scheme.

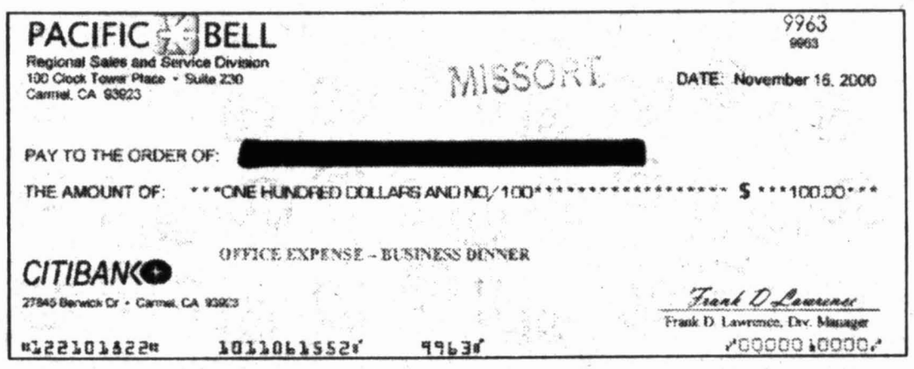
The fake checks appear to draw on corporate accounts for Pacific Bell and Sprint, according to Poitras. The Pacific Bell check contains an address for an office on Clocktower Place in Carmel and draws from an account at a Citibank branch in Carmel Valley. Neither exists, he said.

Only one of the five Carmel restaurants targeted by the suspects reported asking for identification, and at that point, the female "made noises about an ATM machine and left," he said.

While the scam is common in major metropolitan areas, it has rarely been seen on the Peninsula, which may have made the victims more susceptible, Poitras said.

"The suspects went out of their way to portray an overall air of authenticity. We as a community are not predisposed to suspect people, whereas merchants in the greater metropolitan areas are, by virtue of the fact that they are victimized so frequently," he said.

"It will fly here because we are not used to being victimized in this way. Pacific Bell checks are generally seen as legitimate. Obviously this helped the suspects perpetrate the crime."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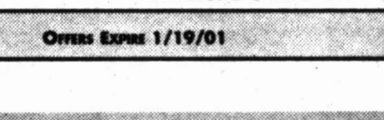

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HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a suspicious person purchasing items at a San Carlos market. Upon arrival, contacted the subject, who stated he was merely shopping for food for his animal. He identified himself with an expired drivers license. Records check revealed that he did not have a current driver's license and he was advised not to drive.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: San Carlos liquor store reported confiscating a false I.D. card. Card was picked up and destroyed.

Carmel Valley: Paseo Robles resident reported having an argument with her 13-year-old daughter. She said her daughter had threatened suicide. The juvenile denied being suicidal and did not appear to be eligible for a 5150 hold. All parties were counseled and referred to appropriate services.

Carmel Valley: Paso Hondo resident called 911 and left her telephone receiver off the hook. She was found to be fine but intoxicated.

Carmel Valley: Man arrested for domestic violence and false imprisonment at a Nason Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Spanish Bay resident reported that someone entered his second-story balcony and entered his residence some time during 11/25 or 11/26. Taken were various items of jewelry and cash.

Carmel Valley: Alzheimer's patient reported an altercation between herself and her son.

Carmel area: Camino del Monte resident reported that the neighbor's workmen might have tried to use her outdoor electrical outlet.

Carmel Valley: Asoleado resident reported that unknown suspect(s) stole six wrought iron fence panels.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Suspect vehicle in a theft seen on Highway 1. Subject followed units back to CPD for questioning. Further investigation revealed he was not involved in the theft. Subject sent on his way with a "thank

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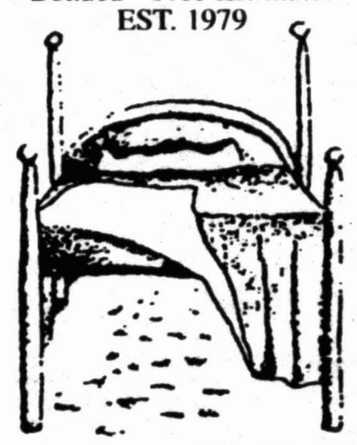

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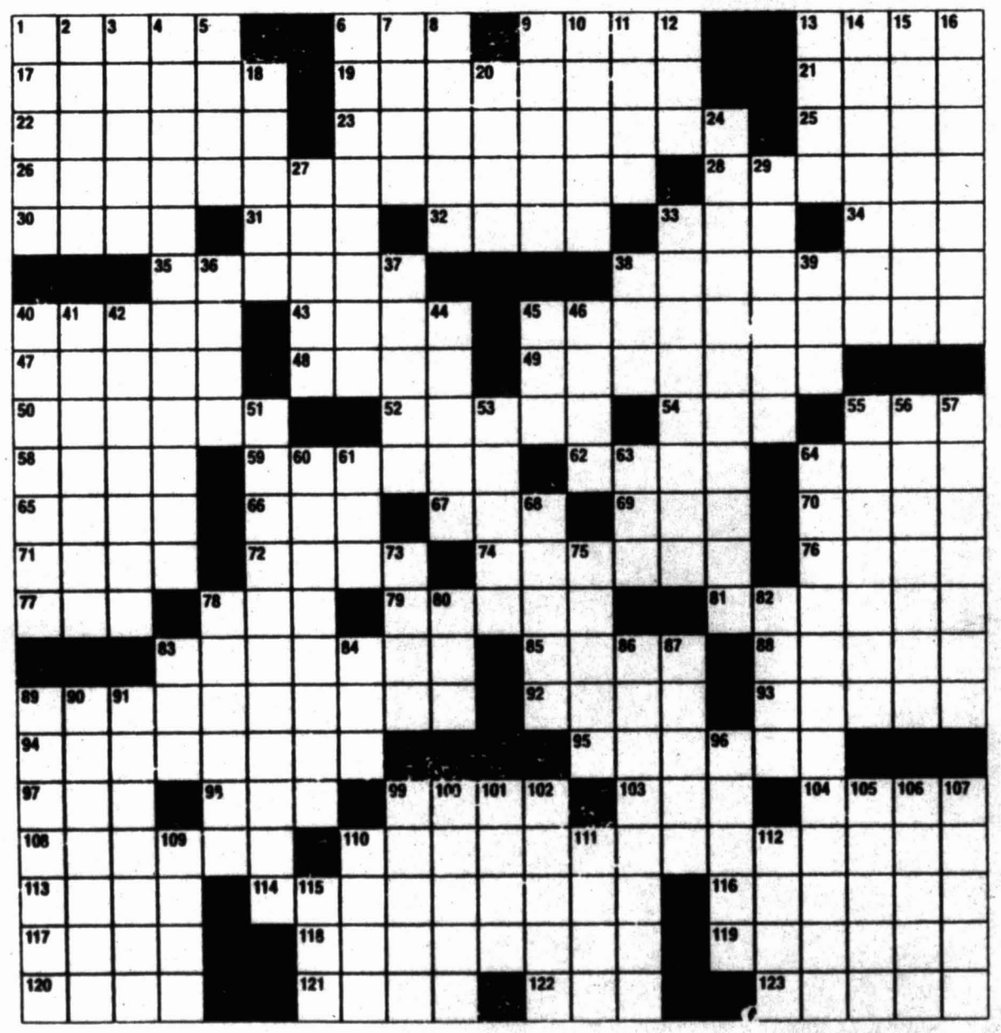

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Answer to this week's puzzle on page 17A

City Council: Rich Guillen is our man

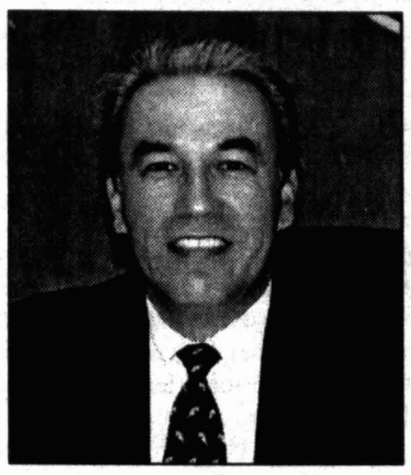
By TAMARA GRIPPI

After just two months on the job as interim city administrator, Rich Guillen impressed the city council members so much that they decided not to waste any time scratching the "interim" from his title.

At the Dec. 5 council meeting, Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud announced that the council had unanimously agreed to pursue a three-year contract with Guillen as the city's new chief executive.

McCloud said the feedback she's received on Guillen from both the council and the public has been quite positive.

"All the comments have been, 'Why don't you hire him?'" McCloud said. "He's such a nice guy and with the number of vacancies we need to fill, he's the majordomo, and we really needed to get on with doing that."



Rich Guillen

The council called off the executive search it had contracted with Bob Murray and Associates and worked on negotiating a contract with Guillen — which it did right away. A final draft is being worked on by city attorney Don Freeman. The council will officially approve the contract in January and Guillen's salary will be made public.

As Carmel's interim city administrator, Guillen has been earning $9,500 a month.

A local guy

Guillen comes to Carmel after seven years with the City of Seaside, where he served as public works director, then community planning and development director and most recently as interim city manager.

Carmel's new chief said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the city's offer.

"It was a nice holiday present for my wife and me," Guillen said.

Guillen has already toured most of the city's facilities and met with Carmel's department heads and community groups, including the Carmel Residents Association.

"What you'll find about me is I try to get out from behind the desk and get to know the community," Guillen said. "To me every citizen is important."

While the first two months have been busy and not without controversy, Guillen said he's enjoyed every minute of it.

"It's been really wonderful," he said. "I enjoy working with the city council — it's probably the most intelligent council I've ever had the opportunity to work with. They're astute and on the issues. And we have a good staff."

Guillen said he's working with both the staff and the council to develop a strategic plan that will include a multi-year budget and a multi-year capital improvement program that rotates every year.

"We want to do some modeling to look at the long-range revenue stream and make sure we have enough revenues in the future to accomplish all the goals and objectives as a city," Guillen said.

Guillen first joined the city in October, when former city administrator Jere Kersnar left Carmel after a seven-year career to accept a job offer from the City of Belmont.

Guillen and his wife, Sally, live just over the Carmel Hill.

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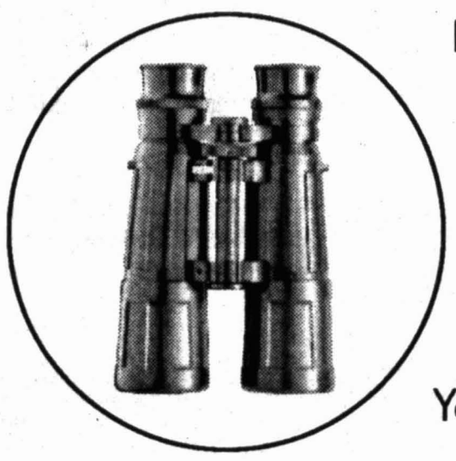

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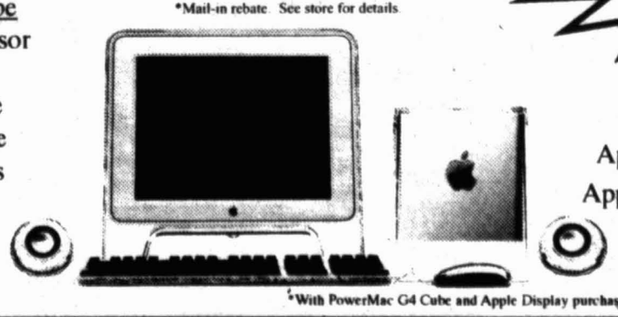

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Judge scolds coastal commission for permit denial

By PAUL MILLER

WHEN RICHARD and Marsha Cain bought their home at Otter Cove five years ago, they knew right away they'd have to expand it to accommodate their grandchildren.

The house — just one story and originally built as a weekend home for two men — was only 11 feet tall, much shorter than the house next door and most of the other houses in the exclusive oceanfront neighborhood just south of Malpaso Creek.

To the Cains' great surprise, last December the California Coastal Commission denied their permit application for a 1,552-square-foot second-story addition — despite the fact that the commission had approved new homes on the same street that were bigger and taller than what the Cains wanted to build.

"The commission told them they weren't entitled to the same standards as new home construction, because they were remodeling," said Anthony Lombardo, the Cains' attorney.

Two weeks ago, a San Francisco Superior Court Judge ordered the commission to approve the Cains' plan, and he chided the commission for enforcing coastal development rules in a way that "leads to a perverse result."

According to Lombardo, the home now owned by the Cains was built in 1991 with a coastal development permit approved by Monterey County under the terms of the Monterey County Local Coastal Plan. The plan barred new structures in Big Sur which would be visible from Highway 1, but exempted the Otter Cove neighborhood from the ban. Eight years later, the county approved the Cains' remodel under the same viewshed exemption.

But the chair of the coastal commission, Sarah Wan, appealed the county permit to the commission because of concerns expressed by the commission's staff that the Cain project could create a "precedent" for remodels and expansion up and down the California coast.

According to Judge Ronald Quidachay, the commission asserted that the viewshed exemption for Otter Cove, "only applied to vacant parcels and since petitioners' parcel is not vacant, the exemption is inapplicable to them."

In December 1999 the commission voted to deny the Cains' permit.

According to Lombardo, the denial meant they could never add on to their home, no matter what the zoning was on their street. On the Cains' behalf, he sued the coastal commission.

After a trial in early November, the judge ruled that the commission's interpretation of the Monterey County coastal plan was "contrary to county's and the commission's long-standing interpretation of the [viewshed] exemption" and would unfairly penalize owners of existing homes by holding them to a different standard than that applied to builders of new homes.

"The scope of the proposed development [a second story addition to a family residence] is minor," the judge continued. "Big Sur is clearly a valuable natural resource. Nevertheless, given the existing development in direct proximity to petitioners' property, permitting the addition has a *de minimis* effect on the Big Sur coastline," the judge concluded.

The coastal commission has not decided whether to appeal Judge Quidachay's decision.

Long-awaited city council show debuts in January

By TAMARA GRIPPI

CARMELITES WHO have been waiting more than a year to see their favorite council members on TV will only have to wait another month. The council's first meeting next year will hit the airwaves in January.

The Carmel City Council this week unanimously agreed to authorize city officials to enter into a contract with the Monterey County Office of Education.

MCOE staff will begin taping the meetings with basic equipment, such as a single camera on a tripod, in January. But within three to four months the city hopes to get more sophisticated equipment in place to provide better coverage.

The project will be funded by special fees collected from Carmel customers every month by the local cable company, which was acquired by AT&T over a year ago.

Ever since the city adopted a new 10-year contract with the cable provider in October 1998, the company has been collecting 90 cents from each subscriber every month

David Finley, the manager for KMST channel 26, the MCOE station, told the council that a four-hour Sunday slot will be made available to provide "gavel-to-gavel" coverage of the meetings.

The first meeting will be broadcast from 8 a.m. to noon on Jan. 14. Subsequent meetings will also be broadcast during the same time slot on the Sunday after the meeting.

Council members agreed that broadcasting the council meetings — an idea which has been in the works for some time — is a good idea.

"Is there any training or prep work for members of council — rules of engagement for an effective broadcast?" asked councilman Dick Ely.

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SUNSET CENTER TENANTS HIT THE ROAD

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

LONG-TIME tenants of the city's Sunset Community and Cultural Center will soon play a game of musical chairs — or move out altogether — to make way for reconstruction of the center's theater.

During the renovation, scheduled to begin in May 2001, Sunset Center will not rent space, except in three cottages on the 10th Avenue side.

Based on interviews with tenants, displacement recommendations were received by the city council this week.

Councilwoman Barbara Livingston said at the Dec. 5 meeting, "It was a difficult decision for the subcommittee — to be as equitable and fair as possible — knowing that the decision could not be fair to everyone. I appreciate their quandary and their dilemma."

Sunset Center Director Brian Donoghue said the displacement program had "general concurrence" from the tenants, which include:

■ The Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation, which has occupied Room 14 in the center for years, has already moved to Tor House at 26304 Ocean View, Carmel, the separate residence formerly occupied by Lee Jeffers, who passed away last year.

■ The Carmel Bach Festival offices moved last week from Room 11 to Cottage 17 on the southern perimeter of the center. Cottage 17 will be shared with the Monterey County Symphony office, which will move from Room 7.

■ The Carmel Unified School District's adult education art classes, held for years in Cottage 18, will move permanently to the Vista Lobos building at Junipero and Third. The adult education ceramic center, with its kilns and pottery, will remain under Cottage 16 on the corner of Mission and 10th.

■ The Yoga Center of Carmel will move temporarily from Cottage 17 to the Dance Studio in Room 13. Once the school district's art classes relocate to Vista Lobos, the Yoga Center will take up permanent residence in Cottage 18.

■ "Studio 15," a studio for seven local artists located under Room 11, will close its doors. Joe Tanous has occupied the studio for more than 25 years.

■ Rising Star Gymnastics "is pursuing other facilities on the Peninsula convenient for their clients," according to Donoghue. Rising Star directo Kathleen Brady was not available for comment at press time.

The Forest Theatre Guild's offices in cottage 16 will remain throughout construction.

La Playa named CBA Business of the Year

IT'S NOT the beautiful hotel that earned La Playa the honor of being named the Carmel Business Association's Business of the Year — it's the staff.

That's why La Playa general manager Tom Glidden was so happy about the award, which the hotel received during the third annual CBA Green Ribbon of Excellence dinner Dec. 6.

"I am so proud and the thing that was very pleasant for me was the reaction of our staff — everyone's just beaming with pride," he said. "It was a big boost of support and acknowledgement to my staff because the facility didn't earn this; it was the people who work here — who give to our customers — who made this thing happen."

The business association also chose Kocek Jewelers as best jewelry or antique store, the Forest Theater Guild as the top cultural organization, La Bohème as the number one restaurant, the Mitchell Group as best real estate agency, the Carmel Art Association as tops in the art gallery category, La Playa for excellence in hostelry, Adam Fox as the best retailer and The Carmel Pine Cone as number one in service to residents and visitors.

"Being called the best in a community like Carmel is a very big honor," Glidden said.

Crime victims sought to help design new approach to justice

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE COUNTY has moved one step closer to a new definition of "justice" — including making criminals face their victims — with the formation of the Community Restorative Justice Commission.

The commission needs members who have been victims of crime or have had their lives directly affected by it, and is seeking one person from each of the five supervisory districts to participate.

"The commission will have the responsibility of overseeing the partnerships between various justice agencies and between victims and the community, and making recommendations to these agencies," said the county's restorative justice coordinator, Craig Seelig.

Restorative justice shifts the system's focus to crime victims, requiring perpetrators to directly face those they've hurt and find ways to make restitution to them.

The 16-member commission already includes 2nd District Supervisor Judy Pennycook, chief probation officer Duane Tanner, correctional officer Arnold Ortega, local high school student Wayne Yetter, victims' rights advocate Cheryl Ward-Kaiser, J. Elizabeth Husby, Gene Gilmore and Brian Contreras — an offender who completed a restorative justice program.

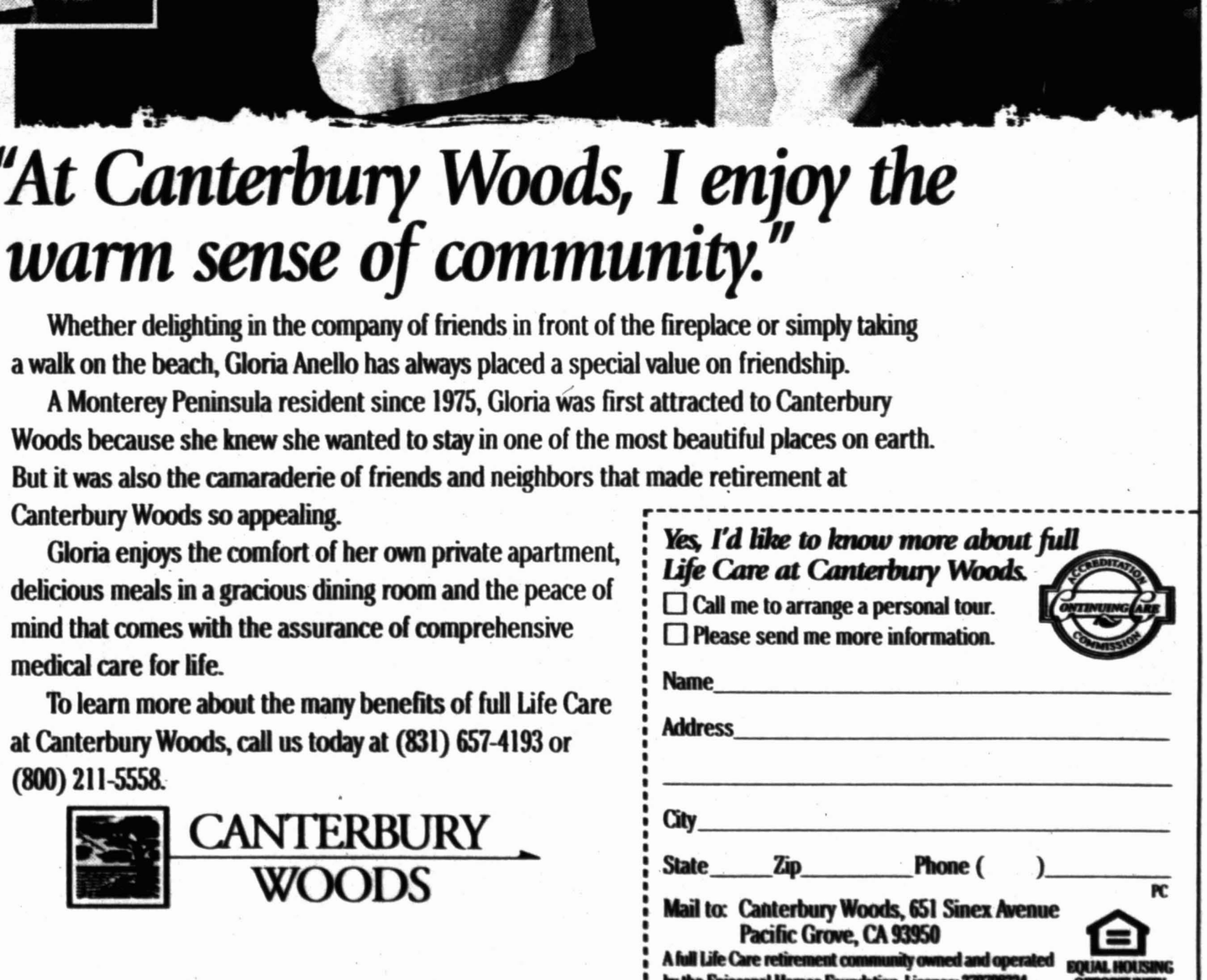
It will also include a member of the Monterey County Chief Law Enforcement Officers' Association and one of the local mayors.

The group will make recommendations to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on changes to the existing justice system, according to Seelig. Crime victims' input will yield unique and valued perspectives, he added.

"We're not trying to force these ideas upon anybody," Seelig said. "But in the interest of providing better services to the community, victims and offenders, we're really looking to involve victims in that process. So often they are left out of the equation."

The commission will meet monthly.

Community members interested in sitting on the commission should contact Seelig at 796-1649.



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Volunteers ask 'How many times can I ring the bell?'

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE SALVATION Army's oldest bell ringer on the Peninsula is 92-year-old Wilma Blackman, who has a knack for striking up conversations with passersby.

The longest-serving volunteer is 14-year veteran Chuck Poland, who also holds the distinction of donating the most time. This year, Poland will ring for a total 48 two-hour shifts in front of Long's Drugstore in the Crossroads.

Jean Miller rings the bell from her wheelchair and collects contributions with the help of her son, Don, and her dog, George.

More than 500 volunteers on the Monterey Peninsula will keep the familiar bell ringing for a total of 738 shifts.

"I would venture to say we probably have as many volunteers on the Monterey Peninsula as they may have anywhere in the country for a population of this size," said Don Carr, who works with his wife, Susie, to schedule the volunteers in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Carmelite Barbara Brooks coordinates all the volunteers at the Crossroads locations.

Every year, Brooks and the Carrs face the momentous task of calling all the volunteers from years past and making the rounds to local churches to stir up interest.

Jean Miller rings the bell from her wheelchair and collects contributions with the help of her son, Don, and her dog, George.

"The backbone of Carmel's volunteers is the Carmel Residents Association, All Saints Church and the Church of the Wayfarer," said Susie Carr.

Brooks has support from approximately 35 of her fellow parishioners at All Saints.

Every year, organizers are touched by the response from the community.

"People say, 'I love doing the bell — how many times can I ring?'" Carr said.

The Salvation Army, which was founded in London in 1865 and on the Monterey Peninsula in 1895, provides a myriad of social services at its local chapter in Seaside.

Donations help fund the charity's annual Christmas toy and food drive, which distributes turkeys and food baskets to 1,000 qualified recipients.

The Salvation Army also sponsors a "Good Samaritan" center for the homeless that provides showers, counseling and transportation to overnight accommodations provided at area churches.

Its family life center provides after-school activities for children and affordable preschool, while its S.A.F.E. program provides day care for Alzheimer's patients.

Holiday bell-ringers, decked out in their Santa hats, raised $59,703 for the Salvation Army during the 1999 Christmas season.

"Everyone should come out, put a red bow on the dog and hats on their children and have a good time," Brooks said.

To sign up to ring the bell, call the Salvation Army at 899-4911 or Don and Susie Carr at 625-1897.

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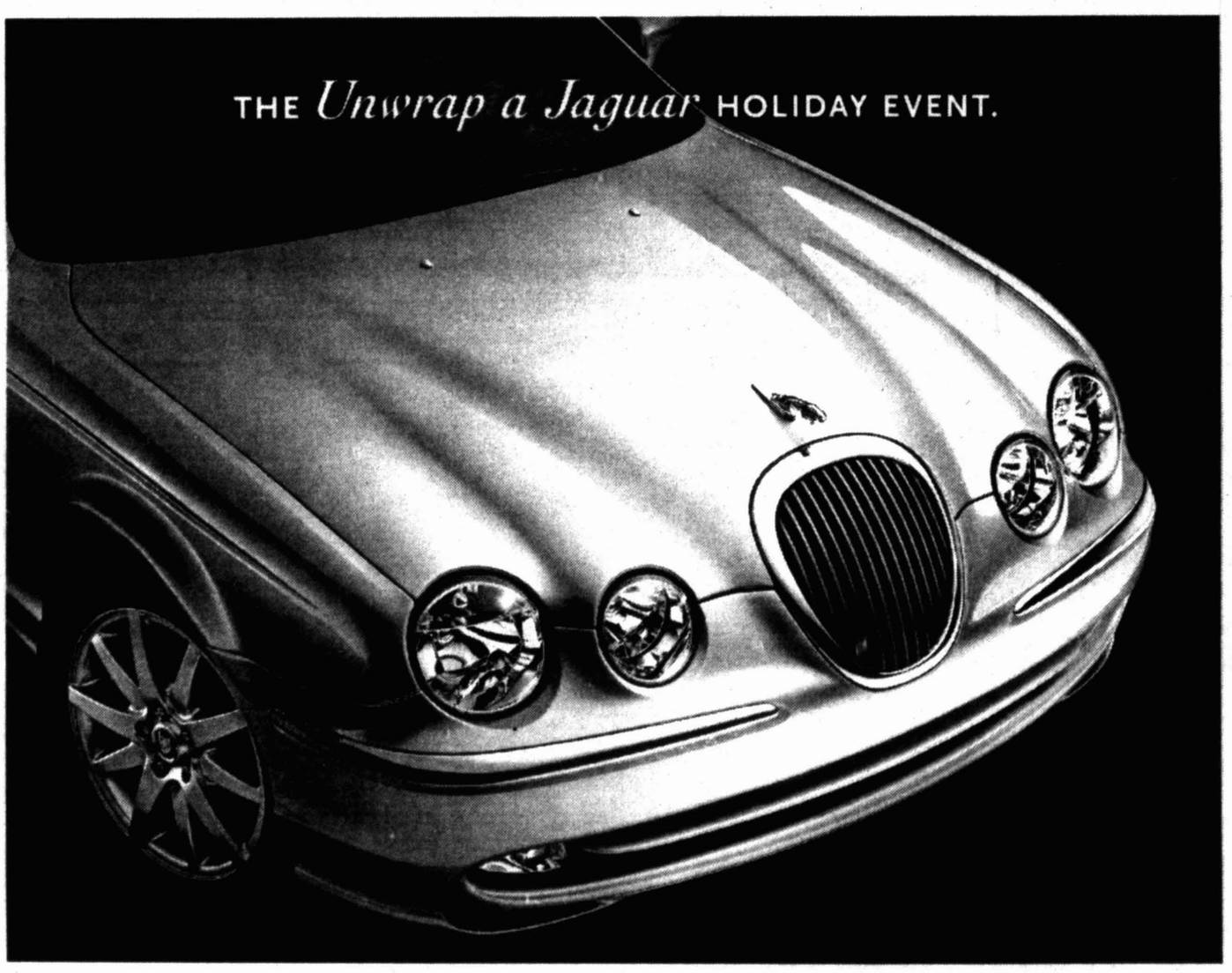

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Holiday spirit is catching

By TAMARA GRIPPI

IT'S CONTAGIOUS! The holiday spirit that inspired two women and two plumbing companies to help an elderly Carmel couple last week has struck again.

When restaurateur Nico Mavris and hair salon owner Nancy Kitahara read the article in last week's Pine Cone about the Christmas elves who fixed up 81-year-old Marie Chambers' kitchen, they got to cogitating.

"We thought, 'That's nice. Why not carry on the same feeling?'" Mavris said.

So Kitahara decided to offer free hair cuts to Chambers and her 88-year-old husband, Robert, at her downtown Carmel salon, Nancy's Hair Design.

And Mavris wants to give a free dinner at Nico's Restaurant not only to the Chambers but also to "whoever was involved" in helping them, including the owners of Nichols and Walton Plumbing companies.

"I'd like to give back to them so their actions don't go unnoticed," Mavris said.

The Chambers were very grateful last week after Nichols Plumbing agreed to unclog their kitchen drain free of charge and Walton Plumbing installed a new garbage disposal for free.

The kind deeds stemmed from two gutsy phone calls placed by the Chambers' neighbor, Sue Jones, who was dismayed by her friends' kitchen situation. Jones sought some goodwill in Carmel — and found it right away.

Marie Chambers, who has endured breast cancer, a stroke, arthritis and macular degeneration, suffers no lack of a lively spirit or caring neighbors.

"I just want to do something that makes somebody happy," Kitahara said. "And it will snowball. Other people will do it."

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New fire district gets final approval

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE CONSOLIDATION of the Mid Carmel Valley, Carmel Valley and Santa Lucia fire districts received the final go-ahead from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Dec. 5.

"This is the jumping-off point of the completion of a lot of work," said Nick Chiulos, the county staffer on the Local Agency Formation Commission. "It will improve coordination and provide more efficient fire protection services in Carmel Valley."

No protests

The public hearing was to allow for any protests from the community, but no members of the public spoke. Had 25 percent or more of the area's registered voters or landowners signed a petition, the consolidation would have to have been brought to a vote.

"We've had no formal objection presented to this action," Chiulos told supervisors.

The board unanimously approved the resolution that dissolves the three existing fire districts and forms a new, single district.

A new fire district board will be appointed by the supervisors Jan. 2, and the first meeting of the new officers will be held Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Mid Valley Fire Station. At that point, Mid Carmel Valley Fire Department's current chief, Sidney Reade, will be sworn in as the chief of the new district, and the other officers will take their oaths.

Saying she was happy to be a part of the consolidation, supervisor Edith Johnsen moved for approval of the resolution.

Chair Lou Calcagno added, "I applaud you for bringing government together, and making it work."

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State officials to enlighten city on historic issues

By TAMARA GRIPPI

OFFICIALS FROM the State Office of Historic Preservation are coming to Carmel Dec. 12 to explain some weighty historic preservation issues to the city council, the planning commission and the city's historic preservation committee.

The public is invited to the meeting at 3 p.m. in city council chambers.

The upcoming meeting is of paramount importance to Carmel because a private group is working to declare the entire city an historic district, which could sharply limit the city's control over land use in town.

In September, activist Enid Sales' Carmel Preservation Foundation announced it was launching an effort to list the city on both the state and national historic registers.

The city has learned that if the State Historical Resources Commission and the Keeper of the National Register — an official with the National Park Service — agree that Carmel qualifies, the entire town can become an historic district.

Even if the mayor and city council disagree with the historic designation, they cannot block it.

The state officials will discuss their role in local preservation as well as how they interpret the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Historic surveys will also be a major topic of discussion.

"The workshop is to be sure all people who deal with the issue of historic preservation have the same information," said Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud.

Several city officials already met with representatives from the State Office of Historic Preservation in Sacramento in October.

The city is in the process of conducting a new survey of the town's older homes and preparing a new historic preservation element of the general plan as well as a new ordinance governing preservation.

These measures have been undertaken to help "fix" the city's historic preservation program, which may no longer comply with recent court interpretations of CEQA.

The playing field changed after a 1997 California appeals court decision that the City of Oakland could not tear down an abandoned Montgomery Ward department store without first preparing an EIR to analyze the building's historic importance.

The precedent set by that decision puts Carmel — which has always relied on a voluntary preservation program — in an awkward position.

The city has already been sued several times by Sales for allowing the demolition of older homes.

Now Carmel officials are hoping to find out as much information as possible about the process of declaring an historic district to avoid being blindsided.

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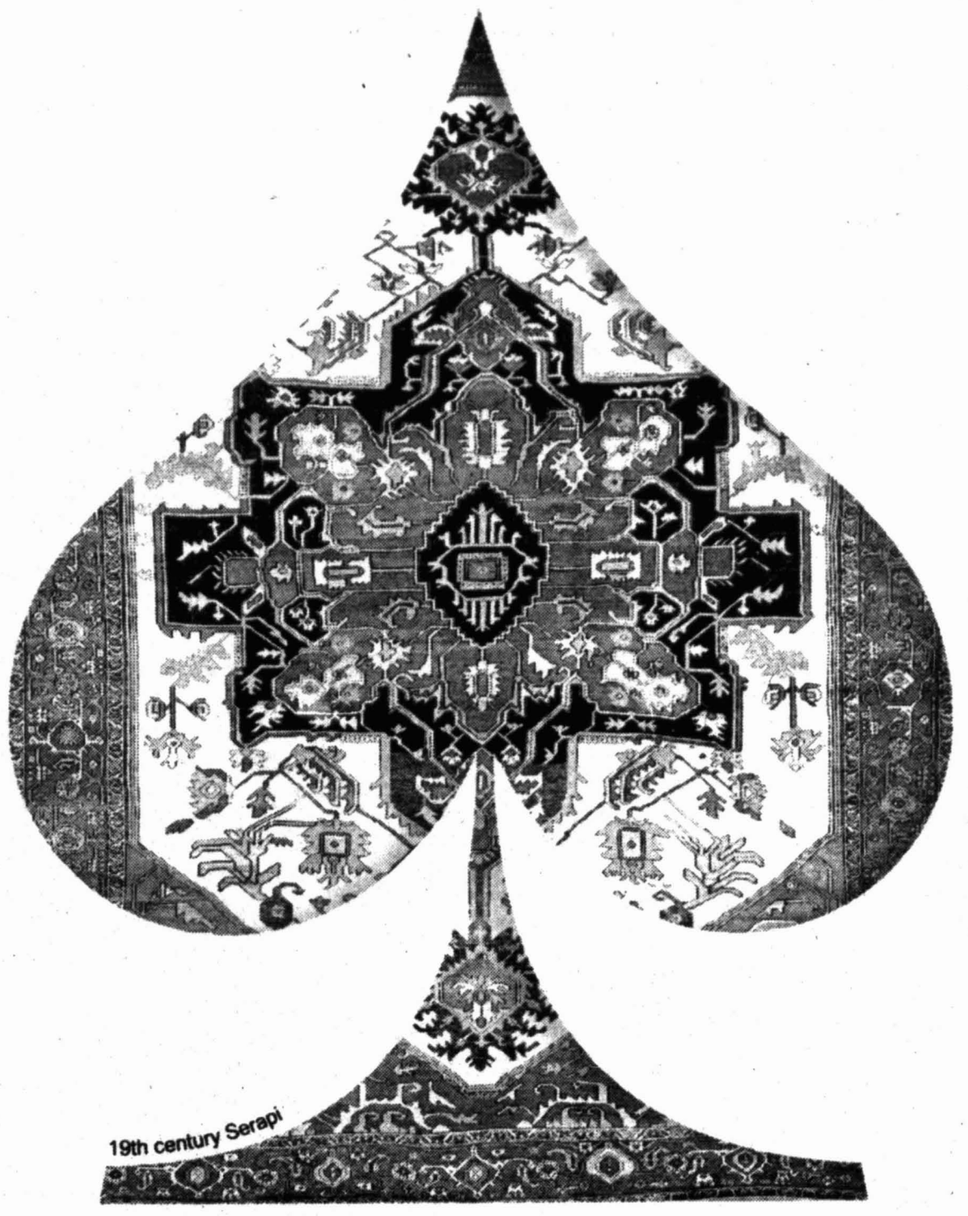

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OBITUARY

Former Pine Cone editor became foreign correspondent

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

ANNE COPE Symon, a news editor of The Carmel Pine Cone who later became the European correspondent for the San Francisco Examiner, died Nov. 17. She was 92.

During her years in Carmel, Mrs. Symon also acted in plays directed by Ted Kuster at the Golden Bough Theater.

Born in San Francisco in 1908, Mrs. Symon was the descendant of two California pioneer families. Her father, Judge Walter Burton Cope founded the law firm of Morrison & Foerster with Mr. A Morrison in the early 1900s.

Judge Cope was president of the San Francisco Bar Association in the early 1900s.

Anne Cope Symon

Her mother's family included honored pioneers of Napa. Her grandfather, Judge Chancellor Hartson, played a large role in the development of the city.

Anne Cope lived a major part of her life in Europe. Her first husband, Malcolm Moulder, opened the Paris office for the London Tattler magazine and later started his own magazine in the late 1930s.

After their divorce, Mrs. Symon became the editor of The Carmel Pine Cone newspaper for several years. She later went to Europe to work for the San Francisco Examiner as a correspondent in Europe.

One of her favorite assignments was covering the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. While in Europe she met her second husband, Robert O. Symon. They were married for 40 years.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Symon loved opera, and she was deeply involved with the San Francisco Opera for many years, playing an active role in the construction of the opera house.

In later years the Symons lived in a 17th-century villa in Italy where Mrs. Symon plunged into the musical world surrounding Florence.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathleen (Nini) Dibble; three grandchildren, Peter, Anne and Leila; and three great grandchildren.

Milestones

EVERETT WAYNE HOLMSTROM, 84, a Carmel resident for 30 years who participated in the Tokyo Raid on April 18, 1942 with Gen. James Doolittle, died Dec. 2.

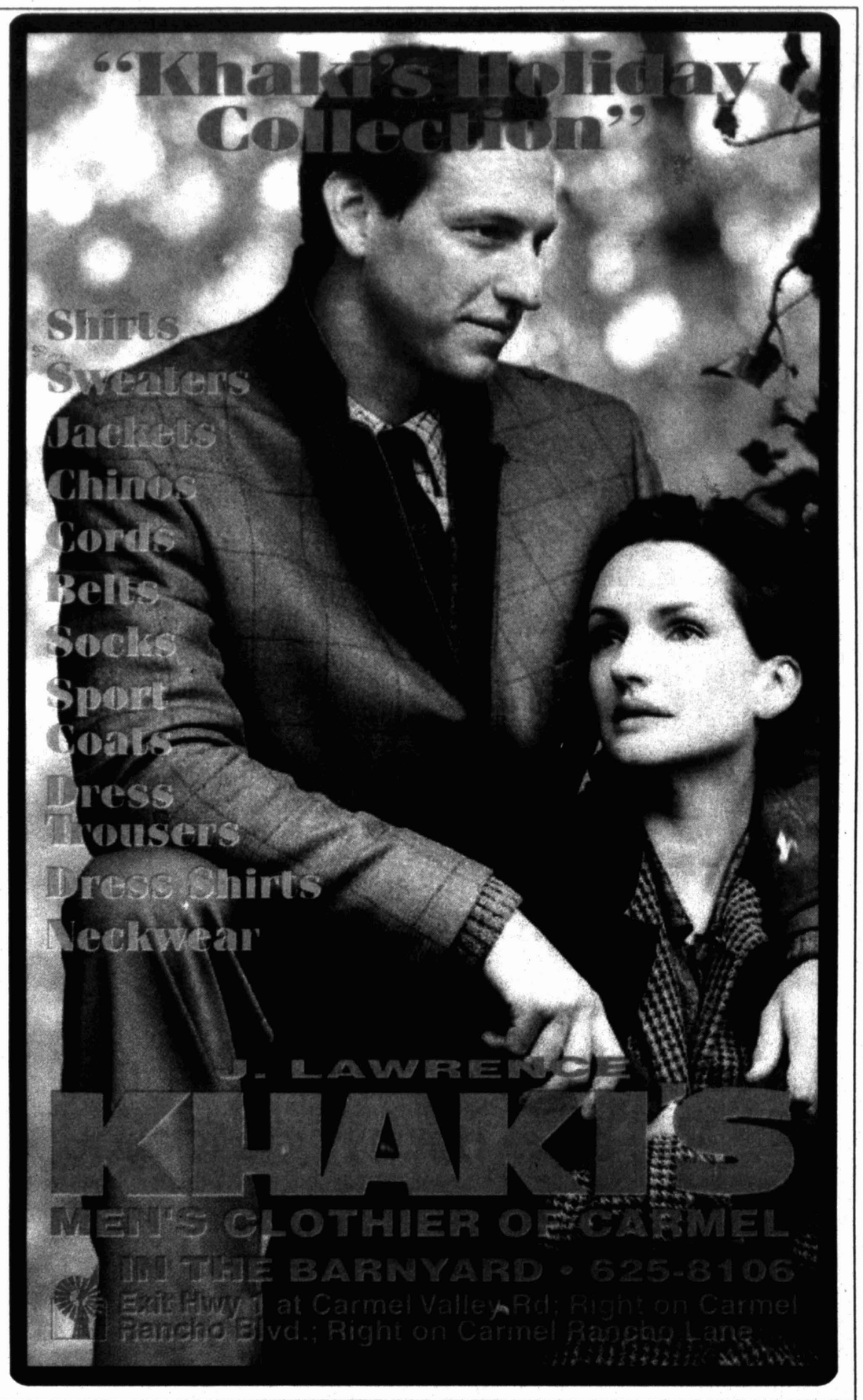
Mr. Holmstrom was retired as a brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force. He was commissioned as second lieutenant and rated as pilot upon graduation from Kelly Field in 1940, and destroyed the first enemy submarine sunk off the West Coast in December 1941, while a member of the 95th Bomb Squadron. Following World War II, he was assigned to Strategic Air Command where he held several assignments and was one of the few men to have commanded wings and flown all the multi-engine jet bombers in the in the SAC inventory: B-45, B-47, B-52 and B-58. He received numerous decorations and was entitled to wear the Air Force Missile Badge.

An avid golfer, he was a member of the Quail Lodge Golf Course since 1969, was a board member at Carmel Valley Manor and served as administrator of the manor for 13 years.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Harriet of Carmel; sons Wayne of San Jose, John of Telluride, Colo. and Daniel of Yardley, Penn.; daughters Susan Voorrips of the Netherlands and Marianne Delatorre of San Jose; his half-sister, Marilyn Furnish of Arizona; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the donor's favorite charity.

HELEN K. HASSERT MOSBROOK, who resided in Carmel from 1966 to 1989 and was a fourth grade teacher in Marina, died Nov. 24 in McKinleyville.



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CARMEL PLAZA

Milestones

A celebration of the life of **GEOFFREY RAND DOW**, 35, will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Church of the Wayfarer, Seventh and Lincoln, Carmel, to be followed by a gathering at Casanova Restaurant.

Mr. Dow died at his home in Discovery Bay on Dec. 4. A native of New York, he moved to Carmel before he turned 3 and attended local schools until enrolling at the University of Oregon. Mr. Dow also attended the London School of Economics and graduated from San Francisco State.

He is survived by his wife, Gretchen, and daughter, Bailey, of Discovery Bay; his father, Brad of Carmel; siblings Brad Jr. of Washington, Cindy Wenzlau of San Marino, Holly DeAmaral of Aromas, Chris of Ohio and Lewis Ward of San Francisco, plus numerous nieces and nephews. His mother, Rand Van Sant, preceded him in death.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association.

A memorial service has been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8 for **PHILIP N. BLISS**, 54, who died Nov. 14 at his Carmel home. The service will begin at 11 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, 532 Center St., Santa Cruz.

Mr. Bliss attended Robert Louis Stevenson School and graduated from UC Berkeley, Santa Clara University School of Law and Stanford University Graduate School of Education.

He was a distinguished member of the Palo Alto community for 27 years, where he served as counselor and administrator of the Palo Alto Unified School District and founder and headmaster of Mid-Peninsula High School. His directorships included the French-American School in Palo Alto; Beacon House in Pacific Grove; Addiction Research Foundation, Stanford Hospital and Palo Alto Senior Day Care.

Mr. Bliss was a member of the Stanford University Faculty Club, the Beach and Tennis Club in Pebble Beach, Stillwater Yacht Club and Rotary of Palo Alto.

Survivors include his wife, Betsy; daughter Whitney Leigh Bliss; his mother, Nancy Nelson Bliss; a sister, Traci and a brother, Gregory.

The family suggests that memorials bet sent to the Philip N. Bliss Memorial Fund, Mid-Peninsula High School, 870 N. California Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303.

LILLIAS CAMPBELL COCKS of Carmel, a 35-year volunteer with the American Red Cross, died Nov. 19. She was 85.

Mrs. Cocks, in addition to her volunteer work, enjoyed gardening, reading, walking to town and visiting with her friends. She also loved cats.

She moved to Monterey County in 1961, and formerly resided in Birmingham, Michigan. She had worked as a sales person for Ober's Gift Store and Bells and Bows.

She is survived by her sons, Fraser of San Marcos and Geoffrey of Albion, Mich; a brother, Charles Campbell of Michigan; and three granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fraser Cocks, Jr., in 1991.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to the American Red Cross.

JENNIFER ANN COON of Big Sur died Nov. 25. She was 60.

Born in Kent, England, Mrs. Coon spent half her life in London before moving to Big Sur a quarter-century ago.

She is survived by her husband, jazz musician Jackie Coon; her children, Lyn and Grant; three grandchildren: Ruby, Louis and Ella, and her adopted grandson, Jacob.

On Nov. 20 Mrs. Coon told her family, "We think too much of the small things, 'Have I got the right clothes?' 'Will they like me?' 'Can I do it?' And the big picture is to love and care for each other."

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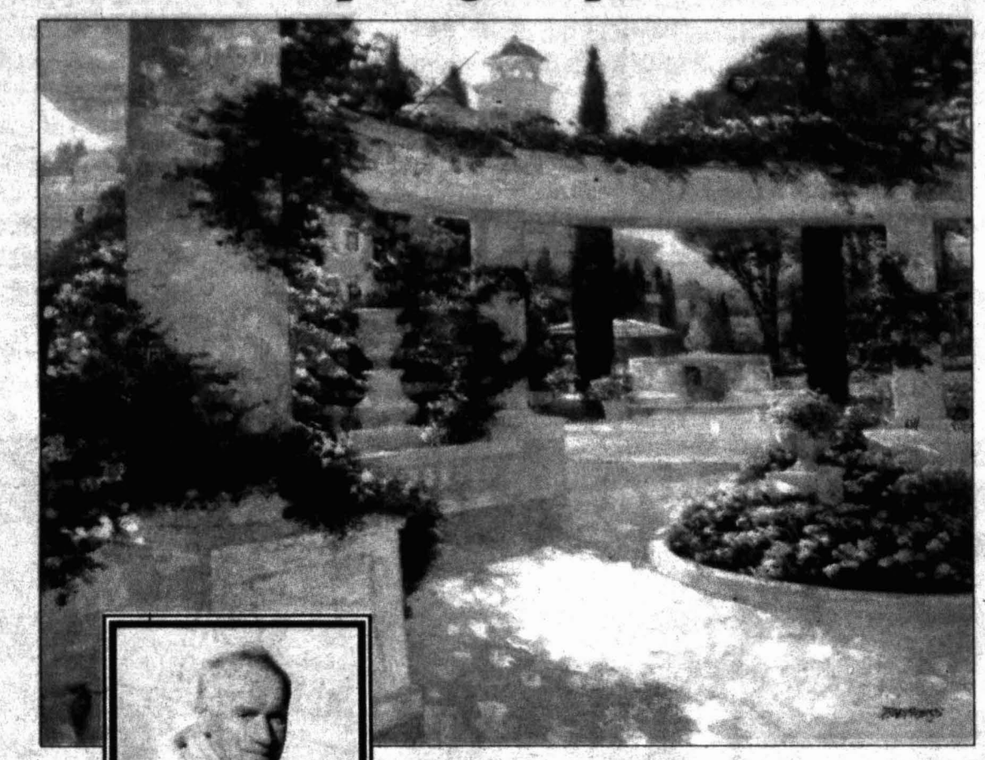

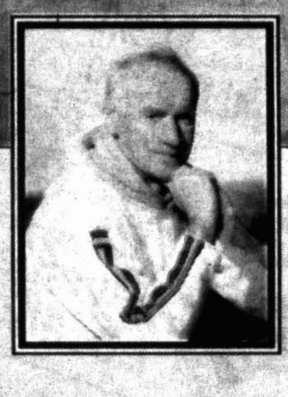

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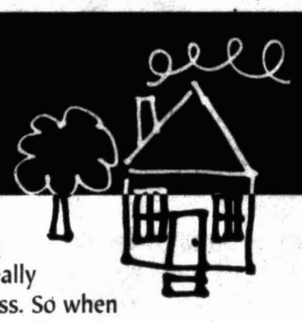

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LAWSUIT

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After a five-day trial in September, in which zum Brunnen sought an unspecified award, an eight-member jury quickly decided that zum Brunnen had failed to prove her rights were violated at Mission Ranch, which Eastwood has owned since 1986. Her only piece of evidence to support the story — a photo of the Mission Ranch office — lost its credibility when a surveyor, after measuring the angle of a vivid shadow in the photo, contradicted zum Brunnen's testimony about when the photo was taken. Without the photo, she was left with just her own testimony, which the jury did not believe.

Instead, jurors apparently accepted Keller's version of the events at Mission Ranch — that zum Brunnen had targeted Eastwood for a lawsuit, and briefly visited to gather evidence to support a discrimination claim.

"She just went there to take the photo," one juror told The Pine Cone after the trial.

The latest twist seeks to turn that conclusion to zum Brunnen's advantage.

According to court papers, housing discrimination laws permit anyone who believes a landlord or home seller may be illegally discriminating, to pose as a renter or buyer. Evidence of discrimination gathered by "testers" has been used for a variety of claims and charges in California.

Rein says zum Brunnen qualifies as a tester — even if she did no more than look at Mission Ranch through a car window — because, among other things, she could plainly see there was no wheelchair ramp to the ranch office.

"When Mrs. zum Brunnen saw the stairs she did not have to actually bump her wheelchair up against them to suffer a violation" of her rights, Rein told the court.

'I don't think the law contemplates such an expanded interpretation of what entitles a person to claim they have suffered harm.'

— Chuck Keller

But Keller counters that even a tester must actually test before claiming discrimination. Otherwise, every disabled person who simply observed, or even heard about, a violation of disability access requirements could make a damage claim.

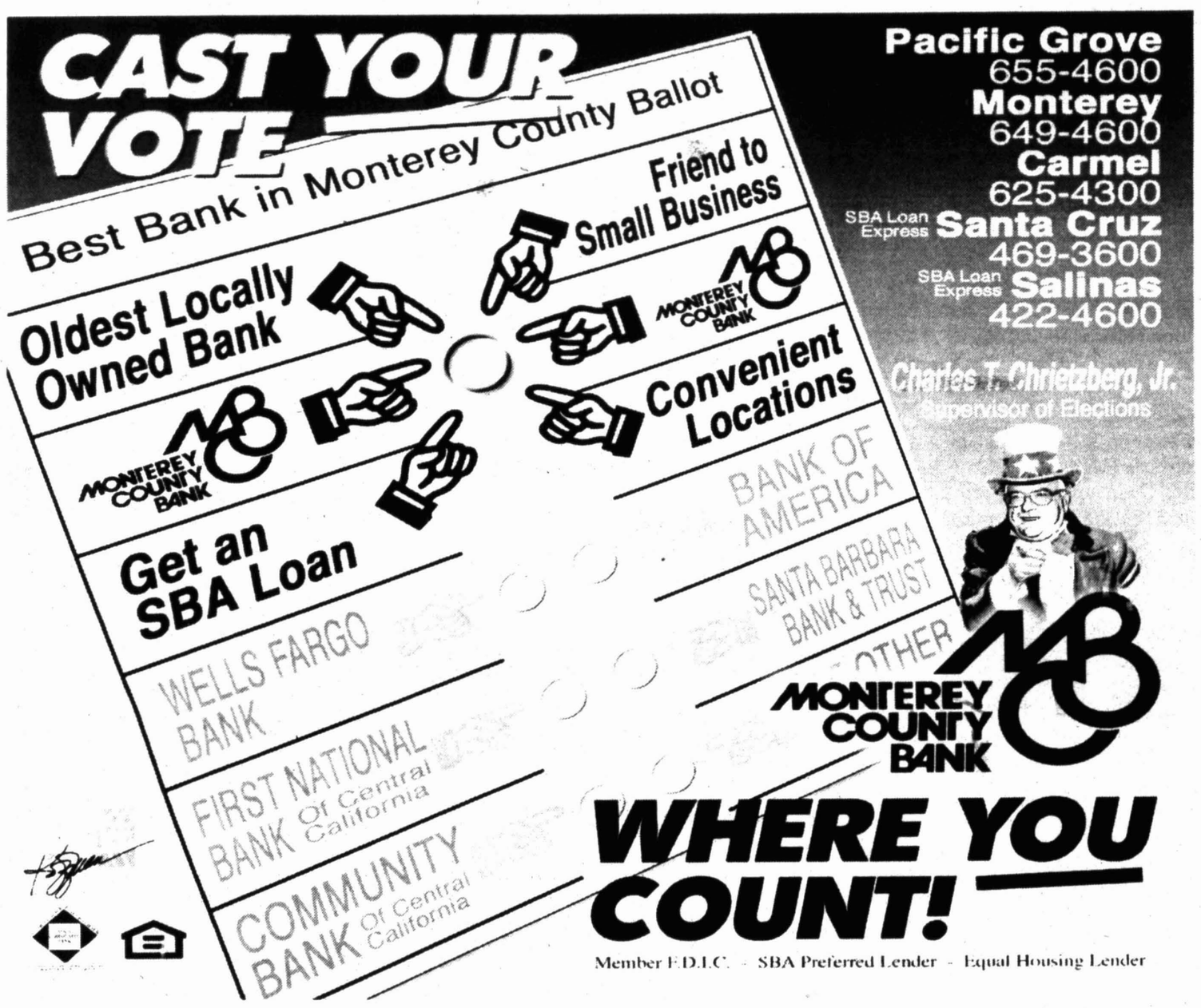
"I don't think the law contemplates such an expanded interpretation of what entitles a person to claim they have suffered harm," Keller said.

Rein again compared zum Brunnen to civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, and said she should be "commended for her courage" in suing Eastwood. He also complained that zum Brunnen lost not because her case was weak but because the jury was biased in favor of the Hollywood star. "Clearly, plaintiff's evidence was not sufficient to withstand the incredible pro-Clint Eastwood prejudice" among the jurors, Rein said.

He also said jurors were influenced by "newspaper headlines before and during the trial telling the jury . . . that the whole case was a 'scam.'"

Despite the fact that not one of the jurors in the Eastwood trial lived in the Monterey Peninsula, to support this claim Rein submitted to the court a copy of a Sept. 22 front-page story in The Carmel Pine Cone headlined, "Eastwood lawsuit: a set-up?"

There was no indication when Judge Ware would issue a decision on zum Brunnen's latest claim.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Longs has regularly sponsored flu shot clinics with the VNA, but usually uses only two nurses, according to Willman. Increased demand requires four nurses this year.

Because of a severe shortage of flu vaccine earlier this year, able-bodies people were asked not to get the shots until all elderly and at-risk people could be innoculated. But all are welcome now, according to Terry Stratton, manager of Long's Drugs.

For more information on the flu vaccinations, contact Longs Drugstore at 624-0195.

The Golden Years

By Myles Williams

A softball team in St. Petersburg, Florida, whose origin dates back to 1930, has an age requirement: You must be 75 or older to try out. Most members played softball in their younger years up north before retiring to Florida. But there are differences now. Sliding into bases is banned as hazardous to older, fragile bones. Batters sometimes bang out hits good for extra bases but aren't spry enough to trot past first base. The team, which numbers more than 400 men, plays three times a week in a six-month season. Says leadoff batter Walter Brooks, 91, "It's something to keep you out of that rocking chair."

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At 87, Hedy Dichter devotes herself to preserving the records and reputation of her husband, Ernest, who died in 1991. They met in Austria in 1933 when he was earning a doctorate in psychology and she taught piano. Married two years later, they left for New York. Dr. Dichter soon won fame as a master of motivational psychology—"why people are motivated to buy or do something," as his widow puts it. It was he who coined the phrase-"put a tiger in your tank" to convey the power of a certain brand of gasoline. Mrs. Dichter is preserving his files that tell how he originated concepts such as focus groups that today "are completely integrated into American business, language, and society."

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"It's a complicated answer. I worked really hard with Carumba to get them to stay — we wanted them to stay," he said.

Anderson admitted the new lease agreement included "a small rent increase, more along the lines of a cost of living increase." He said talk of a 20-percent rent increase was inaccurate.

Meanwhile, Yankey said he is focusing on running his other stores — Wings America and Boatworks in Carmel, a small Boatworks in the Monterey Plaza Hotel, and another Wings America in San Francisco.

"And we're opening a new store in January in downtown Disneyland called Island Charters, which is taking the best from Boatworks and the best from Wings America," he said. "It's a big challenge and I'm very excited — it's keeping me very occupied at this point in time."

What next?

What will replace The Nature Company and Carumba remains to be seen, according to Anderson.

"Their departure does create some problems and some opportunities for us both," Anderson said, adding that he's working with a few potential tenants, but that it's too early to comment on the specifics. "I've been in touch with the folks down at city hall to make sure we are working in synch with them. We don't expect to do anything but what the community would like us to do in that space. I'm not interested in a protracted approval process down at city hall."

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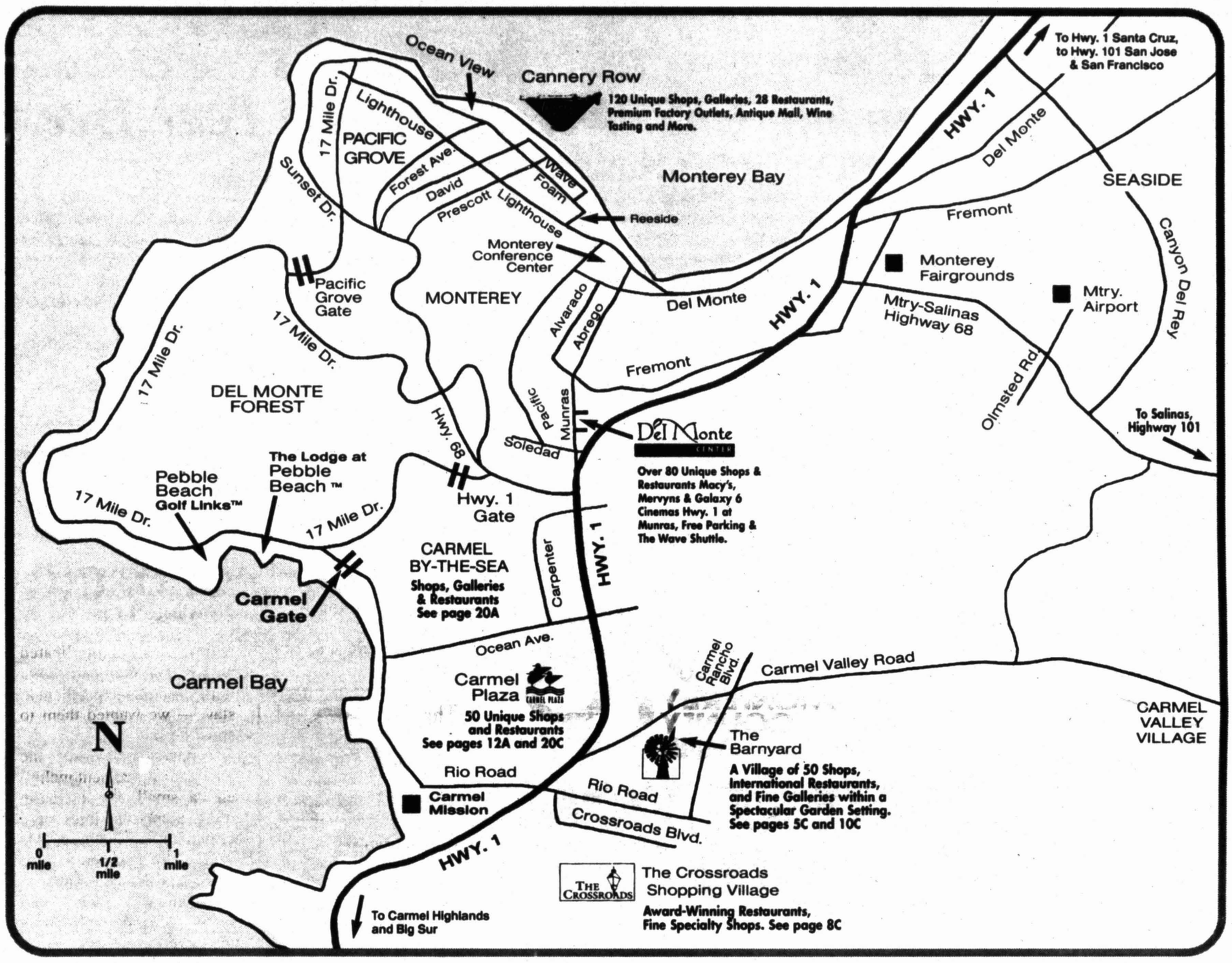

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DANCE KIDS STAGE 'THE NUTCRACKER'

WHAT: A cast of 90 appears in Dance Kids' full-length 'Nutcracker' ballet
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8-10
WHERE: Sunset Theater, San Carlos at 9th, Carmel
COST: $15 adults/$10 seniors and children; special gala benefit tickets are $45 for adults and $30 for children which includes a full reception at Casanova Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8
INFO/RESERVATIONS: 624-3729

MINIATURES AND TOYS AT CAA

More than 100 art miniatures can be viewed at the Carmel Art Association, Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel, through Jan. 3 — small paintings and graphics by artist members working in a variety of mediums and styles. The miniatures will be for sale in the foyer and center room. A holiday public open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. Toys are being collected for The Salvation Army through the 18th. For information, call 624-6176.

A toast from all at the Rabbit

WHAT: Pacific Repertory Theatre closes its season with a benefit performance of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile", which includes wine, hors d'oeuvres, mini-auction and party with the cast
WHEN: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10
WHERE: Circle Theatre of the Golden Bough, Casanova between 8th and 9th, Carmel
COST: $75, of which $50 is a tax-deductible contribution
INFO/RESERVATIONS: 622-0100

Howard Behrens to appear at reception

HOWARD BEHRENS, a master of the palette knife painting technique, will appear in person at Pitzer's of Carmel for an opening reception and artist brunch.

Thirty original paintings, created on five-inch canvases by various artists including Behrens, will be sold during the reception, scheduled 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8. All of the proceeds from this sale will benefit "Feed a Child."

The artist brunch will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

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◀ David and Joyce Buchanan and Suzanne and Steve Diamond put in some winning bids at the Chartwell School Party in a Pear Tree.

▶ Snickers Weis, a French Briard sheepdog, got in line to be served along with friends Renate and Jim Moore during the Inns of Distinction Tour on Dec. 3rd.

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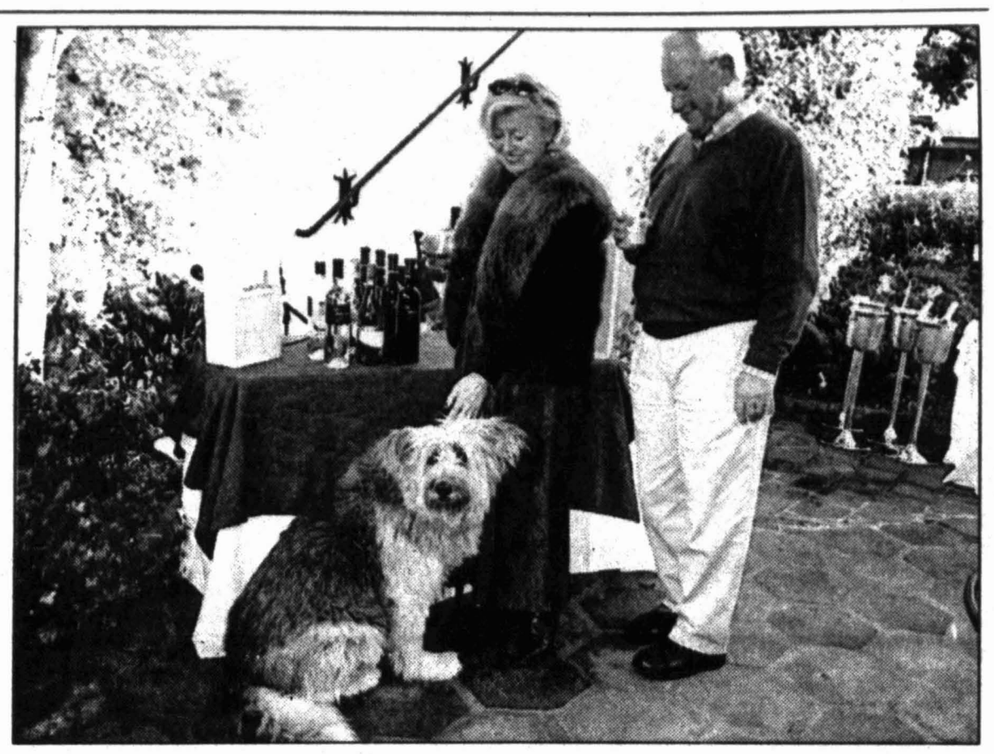

Hundreds sip and sup during Chartwell Party in a Pear Tree

HI FOLKS! Sissi's off to Paris, the City of Lights. . . I'm back from Yerevan, Armenia, the city of not so many lights — and the twain is going to meet right here on the Peninsula as I cover once again for your regular columnist.

KICKING OFF the holiday season, **Chartwell School's** annual black-tie **Party in a Pear Tree** at the Beach and Tennis Club on Dec. 1 was the place to be for a chance to bid on a staggering array of auction items ranging from a $30 bottle of chardonnay to a $15,000 Erté original, signed by the artist.

Pine Needles
By Flo Snyder

While 200 sipped and supped at the festive event, chairman **Harvey Kilpatrick** made certain everything moved according to plan. It did, along with many words of praise for Chartwell's remarkable record of success in educating children with learning disabilities.

Peter and Incy Brooks declared emphatically, "This community is lucky to have a jewel like Chartwell. Our daughter attended a similar school in the East and thanks to the remediation, she was able to graduate from college." Strongly seconding those sentiments were **Fred and Marge Miller** whose young son's life was changed by the Chartwell experience.

New board member **David Buchanan** and wife **Joyce** happily noted the generous gift their friends **John and Martha Kenny** donated to the cause. It was the Erté. Another generous donor was **Rick Antle** who gave a flight in Tanamura and Antle's private jet for a party of eight to Beverly Hills with limo service while down south. Not to be outdone, **Chuck and Claire Jacobsen** joined forces with **Nicki and Mick McMahan**, offering five days of sailing aboard the Jacobsen's 52-foot luxury craft "Allure" in British Columbia, plus a gourmet dinner at the McMahan's Quadra Island home.

Determined to have this unique adventure, **Dr. Jim Flippen's** hand kept going up during the bidding and when he finally won, wife **Beverly** was dumbfounded. "I thought he was just waving to friends at other tables!" she exclaimed.

As for the hottest ticket of the night, **Suzanne and Steve Diamond** nabbed the evening of cocktails and dining with Academy Award-nominated composer **Alan Silvestre**, who will be sharing movie clips and anecdotes in his private screening room. The Diamonds will be calling 10 lucky friends to join them. (I hope they have my number.)

Jean Draper and daughter **Susan** wandered through Draper Pavilion, the tented area so named for its sponsor, as did **Rich and Jayne Brinton** eyeing auction items on display. Moving through the crowd and greeting guests, Chartwell's executive director **John Alexander** was deeply moved by the outpouring of support, and spoke highly of his "amazing Chartwell staff."

And that was the last moment of serious thought before a jolly looking Santa Claus (bearing the exact physical proportions of one **Alan Brenner**) arrived and, between ho-ho-ho's, passed out gold foil chocolates regardless of whether people had been naughty or nice. Then it was auctioneer **Hunter Finnell's** turn to act up. After letting it be known he was working on HIS birthday, the TV celeb was momentarily speechless (not easy for him) when gifted with 200 individually wrapped golf balls — one from each guest.

In perpetual motion, event coordinator **Donna Jett** flew past daughter **Caroline Jones**, with fiance **Bob MacDonald**, to check on the beautifully sculptured ice swans that were the table centerpieces. (She had them stashed in a meat locker for three months!) Development director **Jenafer Santee** was beaming over the obvious success of the party and the fact that her son **Owen Baylis** with wife **Polly** were there to share it with her.

■ Redwings open house inspires

From the night of glitz and glamour at the Beach Club, I trudged off the next day to **Redwings Horse Sanctuary** where a cadre of caring souls held a Christmas open house. This time, the beneficiaries were abused equines that the organization rescues from slaughter and neglect.

On a tour of that wonderful sanctuary overlooking Carmel River State Beach I met Bonnie, a 30-year-old mare getting chiropractic treatment for her fractured back, and visited with Pokey, a blind gelding living with his frisky teenage girlfriend who looks out for him.

I was much impressed with the excellent care all animals get there and the warm, friendly environment permeating the place. Redwings does not use professional fundraisers and all donations go directly to help the horses. So, if there are any dollars out there looking for a good home, tax-deductible donations to Redwings Horse Sanctuary will be gratefully received. Call 624-8464 for further information.

■ Carmel Woman's Club turns 75

What a spectacular reception those grand gals at the **Carmel Woman's Club** put on for the organization's 75th anniversary celebration on Dec. 3. Transformed into a sea of greenery for the event, the charming clubhouse was filled with members, friends and public officials who reminisced about the club's long history. President **Beverly Flippen** welcomed the large crowd and introduced 10 past presidents who were in attendance. **Mayor Sue McCloud** addressed the audience as did former mayors **Ken White, Jean Grace** and **Charlotte Townsend**, all praising the valuable contributions CWC has made to the community.

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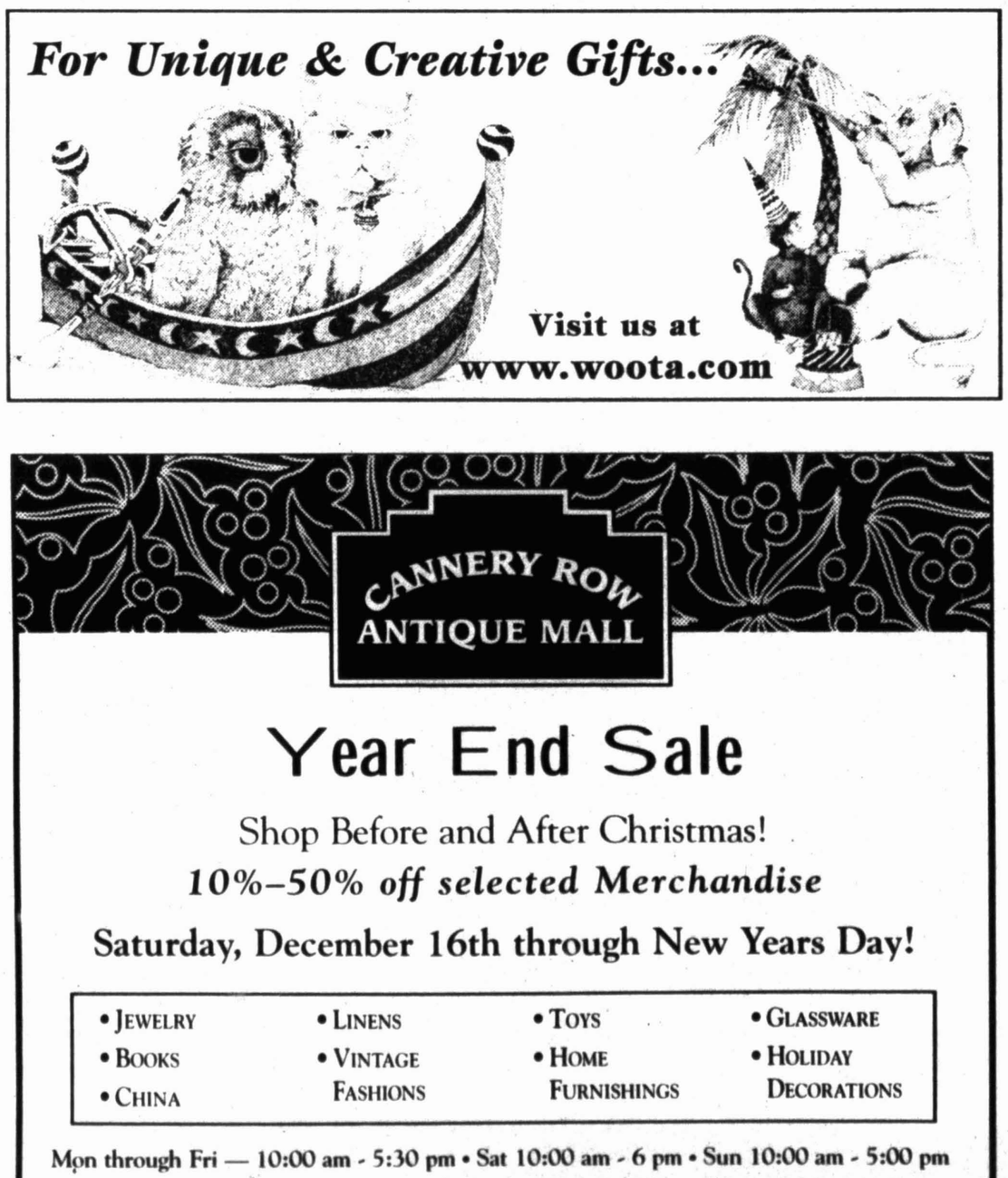

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Movers and shakers of the Carmel Woman's Club gathered for a group snap: standing, from left: Yvonne Simms, Mary Krecki, Jane McNulty, Mildred Ferguson, Leonie Erickson and Verna Test; seated, from left: Margaret Philbrook, Peggy Diehl, Betty Neill and Bev Flippen.

Among them, the past presidents represented and aggregate of 250 years of service to the organization. They included **Mary Krecki, Verna Test, Yvonne Simms, Bernice Imlay, Margaret Philbrook, Leonie Erickson, Peggy Diehl, Jane McNulty, Mildred Ferguson** and **Betty Neill**. Congratulations, girls, now onward to the next 75!

■ Inns of Distinction earn their title

Carmel's **"Inns of Distinction"** tour on Dec. 3 demonstrated once again why this community is in a class by itself when it comes to the matter of Hospitality. Sponsored by the **Carmel Heritage Society**, the tour included 12 local inns, each of which featured food and libations from the area's noted restaurants and wineries.

Visitors were welcomed by docents, inn managers and servers at each location who provided information on Carmel's history, accommodations and excellent eateries. Guests tasted specialties of each participating restaurant and were invited to inspect the charming rooms of the host inns.

At one location, an 85-pound French Briard sheep dog showed up, demanding to be served. His mom, **Lisa Weis**, representing Robert Mondavi winery, refused him service.

Kudos to the Heritage Society and its team of docents who make this annual event the unique experience it is for both residents and out-of-towners.

■ P.B. Riding and Trails group celebrates

Capping the busy weekend of events was the **Pebble Beach Riding & Trails Association** Christmas party at the home of **Glenn and M.C. Hudgens**. Formerly the residence of General "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, the holiday trimmed house was filled with members and friends of the horsey set. Association president **Ray Freschi** who with riding buddy **Jack Kakis** began the organization 20 years ago, explained that their mission was and is to preserve the 37 miles of walking and riding trails in the Pebble Beach forest and to urge people to use them. Sounds like a great invitation whether you ride or stride.

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TWO WOMAN SHOW featuring bronze sculpture and watercolors by ChloeDee Noble and mixed media spiritual paintings by Kathy Watson; reception 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Mary Titus Showroom, in the glass gazebo of San Carlos Square, San Carlos between 5th and 6th, Carmel. Show open daily through Dec. 31. Info: 643-0774.

SCHEID VINEYARDS' 2nd annual holiday open house, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at 1972 Hobson Ave., Greenfield; features 25 percent off all wine and shopping. The day will feature crafts (including wreath making), bounce house for the kids, wine tasting and more. INFO: 386-0316 or (888) 4SUIWINE.

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■ Surprises during CRA gala dinner

That's all for now . . . Oops! I almost forgot the whopping good time **Carmel Residents Association** members had at their gala holiday dinner on Dec. 4 in the La Playa's Poseidon Room. President **Melanie Billig** got the crowd quieted down just long enough to salute and thank the hard-working volunteers who do so much to maintain and preserve the quality of life in Carmel.

During dinner, **Lee and Gloria Eldred** struck up a conversation with **Bob and Hannah Priestly**. Lo and behold! They discovered they were fraternity brothers from USC and attended the university at the same time but had never met.

Ta ta!

Answer to This Week's Puzzle

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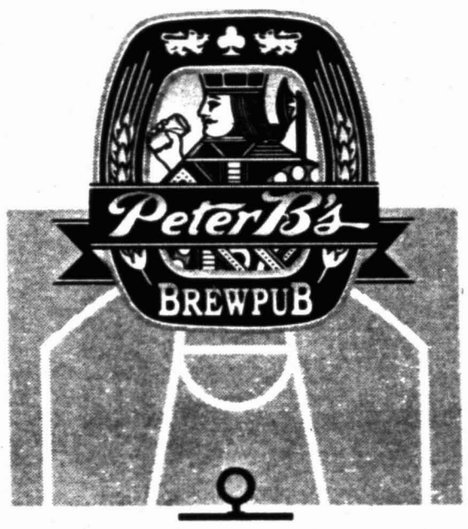

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From his first close observation through the lens of his camera of a massive, vibrating steam turbine, to photographing the engineering marvel of Hoover Dam, to witnessing and recording NASA's launching of the Space Shuttle, Sexton was thunderstruck with their power. A unifying theme seemed to emerge from these awe-inspiring products of man's ingenuity: He saw a correlation between the splendor of these engineering feats with the breathtaking habitats created by the Anasazi people in the northern San Juan region of the Colorado Plateau. What connecting thread did he see in these totally disparate objects? What leap did his mind take to embrace technology along with primal habitats in their natural environment?

By Margot Petit Nichols

Sexton says in his new book's preface, "Unexpected Beauty," that he perceived "the sculptural aesthetics of functional form and the technological achievements of humanity through time." Through these new photographs [of a Wisconsin power plant, Hoover Dam and the Orbiter Processing Facility of Florida's Kennedy Space Center] he said, "I had looked back nearly a thousand years to the ancient Anasazi and experienced a mystical sense of power."

This book of magnificent black and white photographs reveals reality, unencumbered by color. The 166-page large format book with 83 black and white duotones on glossy stock is published by Ventana Editions, Carmel Valley, and retails for $60.

Sexton will present a lecture and slide show, "The Power of Black and White," based on explorations of his photographic adventure covering the 13 years that produced "Places of Power." It will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 in the Monterey Institute for International Studies' Auditorium located in the McCone Building, corner of Pierce and Jefferson streets, Monterey. Presented by The Monterey Museum of Art, the lecture and slide show will have an admission of $5 for members, $10 for non-members. For information and reservations, call 372-5477.

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JAY STOWITTS was the first American star of the Russian Ballet and an acclaimed painter who emerged as such between the two world wars. But he was something else: A metaphysician. Using Theosophy as the basis for his geometric drawing progressions into colorful mandalas, which this beautiful 166-page book explores, Stowitts embraced "greater ideas about the convoluted nature of the universe and the Force that created it." The book, "Mandalas of the Hidden Wisdom — The Cosmos According to Stowitts," has been published in conjunction with an exhibition of the same name currently displayed at The Stowitts Museum & Library, 591 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Printed in China, it is written by J. Joseph Dunaway, with contribution by biographer Anne Holliday.

Dunaway and Holliday will discuss this fascinating, nicely produced book and its premises from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11 on the patio of The Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard Shopping Village, Carmel. The book, published by the Stowitts Museum, retails for $27.95. For information, call The Thunderbird at 624-1803 or the Stowitts Museum at 655-4488.

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"BEYOND BINGO — Violet Farnsworth and the Monterey Mafia" is a witty, spirited novel written by *three* Pacific Grove women with its basic theme the medical use of marijuana. The three dissimilar protagonists — whose only unifying characteristic is that they're women of a certain age, all living in P.G. — visit a friend at CHOMP with terminal cancer. She begs for marijuana to help her through her pain, and the three women — totally unschooled in scoring drugs — research the assignment with not only a vengeance, but a great deal of understandable trepidation.

Along the way they make contact with a Big Sur dealer named Running Wolf (a female Caucasian); tick off what the authors refer to as "the Monterey Mafia" when they accidentally discover a rotting corpse in a storage locker freezer; and find themselves before a magistrate where the prosecuting attorney makes them out to be "politely passive terrorists." Their bail is set at $1 million. They become celebrities on the 6 o'clock news. People rally to their support, and they eventually win the day.

But aside from being a really good page-turner full of humor and seemingly preposterous situations, there are two main themes: Friendships are important and see one through devastating happenings in one's life; and the case for a compassionate view of medical use of marijuana.

"Beyond Bingo" is well plotted and nicely written by Joan Drummond Miller, Carolyn Livingston and Julie Houy. You can meet these three local writers at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at Bookworks, 667 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. They'll discuss their own investigations into the world of intrigue, drugs and medical use of marijuana at the booksigning. The 188-page novel, published by Creative Arts Book Company of Berkeley sells for $13.95. For information, call 372-2242.

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Aurelia Vrandecic-Dwyer's "The Garden of My Childhood" is a lovely little book (55 pages, hardcover, published by Rivercross Publishing, Inc., $15.95). The titular garden is Aurelia's mother's garden in Chile before she became estranged from her family and found herself "transplanted" to the U.S. where she later became a university professor, and later still, won the Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement Award for her contributions to the status of women in the field of education.

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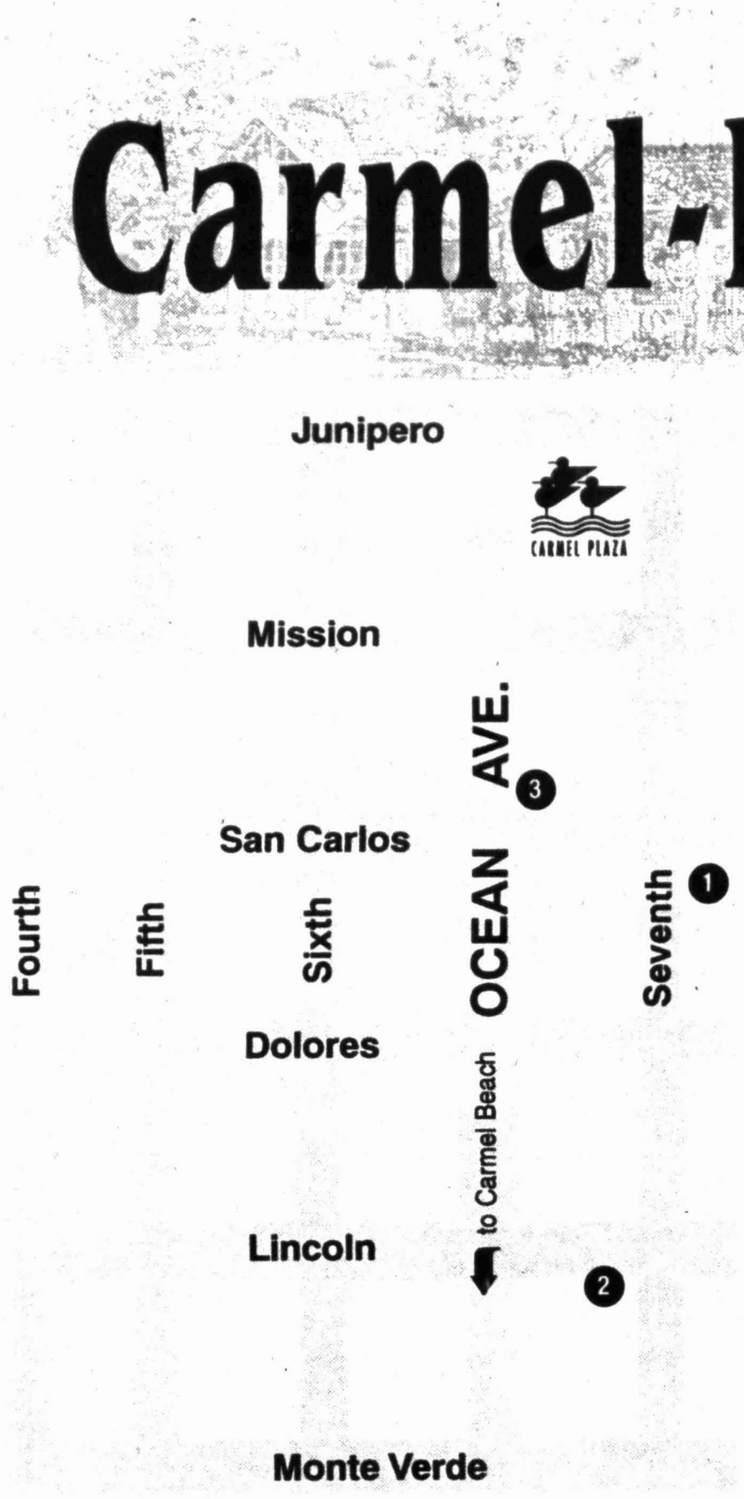

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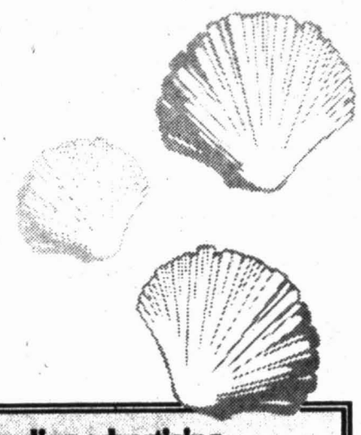

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A LA CARTE

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being about 10 years ago when a deli/sandwich counter morphed into this upscale, casual restaurant to supplement the hotel's elegant Pacific Edge restaurant, renowned for fine dining and its enclosed, spectacular view.

California Market seats 45 on the heated terrace and 22 indoors. A semi-open kitchen, a tiny service bar and a gift shop round out the indoor area — overseen by manager Ramon Lamas.

Chef John Scherber has a cadre of seven cooks who keep his kitchen humming throughout its almost 15-hour day — a kitchen where everything is made from scratch from the freshest of the fresh. California Market is well named.

For openers

There are nine aps to choose from: From house marinated niçoise, picholine and Bella di Cerignola olives ($6) to Foie Gras Pate ($13) served with cornichons, pickled red onions and baguette croutons. We almost ordered the steamed Prince Edward Island mussels ($12) cooked and served in a white wine lemon broth, but decided to share an opener with our companion.

We started with a "Crispy local Calamari" appetizer ($9) served with a chipotle and lime aïoli that was perfection — small rings of calamari, lightly dusted with flour and Florida Bay seasonings, then deep fried quickly, arriving warm, flavorful and tender at our table. Chef Scherver uses tinned chipotle chilies, purées them, then incorporates these moist, smoky-peppery chilies in an aïoli base, adding fresh lime juice.

The bright day called for salads: We ordered a Monterey Salad ($13) of rock shrimp, shredded dry jack cheese, a quartered half artichoke with sesame mayonnaise — each of the main ingredients mounded separately atop the lettuce tossed with a sherry shallot vinaigrette.

Our luncheon companion ordered a pistachio-crusted goat cheese which topped a salad of baby red oak lettuce, roasted red beets in a tasty and fragrant lavender vinaigrette ($12). The goat cheese was warmed slightly, an excellent contrast to the lettuce and fresh beets. Chef Scherber told us in a telephone interview the next day that he infuses lavender in red wine vinegar, letting the flavors wed for about a week, then strains off the lavender and incorporates the vinegar with a little Dijon mustard and Sciabica olive oil from Modesto — a new vinaigrette that's been on the menu for about a week.

There are six salads and soups to choose from, the soups being clam chowder or classic caramelized onion soup (both $6.50) with Gruyère crouton.

Main course offerings include four sandwiches ($10.50 to $12) — all served with choice of French fries or local organic mixed green salad — and two burgers, including a salmon burger ($12). The regular burger is described on the menu as "thick and juicy," and has either melted Vermont white cheddar or Gruyère cheese. The spicy B.B.Q. pulled-pork sandwich ($11.50) served on a toasted chive roll with grilled red onions sounds terrific.

Other main courses, all served with unusual and tempting sides, are seared seabass and balsamic glazed salmon (both $17.50), pan seared Black Angus tenderloin or New York Steak ($21), and a roasted garlic chicken ($16.50). On Monday there was a special flat bread pizza ($13), and an individual vegetarian lasagna ($15).

Five desserts, all of them $7, are almost all the same standard desserts found on most menus, but these are made in-house at Highlands Inn by very talented pastry chef Elizabeth Scherber. We chose the least standard, an apple galette, which was the best we've ever tasted outside of France: Excellent crust, almost concealed beneath the arranged glazed apples, melted in our mouth. Chocolate mousse, cheese cake, tiramisu and crème brûlé round out the dessert menu.

Masters of Food and Wine

The California Market is a wonderful concept — the brainchild of Highlands Inn executive chef Jeff Baker, who oversees both restaurants and is busy now preparing for The Masters of Food and Wine that takes place annually in February at the Highlands, a premiere culinary event that draws chefs and gourmets from all over the country.

Chef John Scherber has been running the California Market for about a year and a half now. He comes to Highlands Inn with a chef's portfolio of sterling experience: He was rounds cook at Charles Nob Hill, San Francisco, and prior to that was with Babette's Restaurant & Wine Bar of Sonoma and the much-lauded French Laundry in Yountville, Napa Valley. He became a chef at the Scottsdale Culinary Institute in Arizona.

While a line cook at the French Laundry, John met Elizabeth, now his wife, who was assistant pastry chef there. Before she and John were called to Highlands Inn by Exec Chef Baker, with whom John worked at Babette's, Elizabeth was pastry chef at San Francisco's outstanding Faralon restaurant.

While the weather is crisp and clear, take advantage of our autumn sunshine and treat yourself to breakfast or lunch at California Market. Drink in that view! Enjoy the very excellent and attentive table service by the smiling Shama, as we did.

Clarifications

Contrary to notice in last week's Grape Notes in the Food and Wine section, Jouillian Vineyards will not be celebrating a Christmas winery open house in November, but rather, on Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 20300 Cachagua Road, Carmel Valley. Create your own family wreath from Joullian's grapevines, enjoy new and current wine releases, and a picnic lunch from the winery barbecue (fee). For information, call 659-2800.

Lenny's Deli —

In a recent Food & Wine section, the new New York delicatessen on the lower level of Carmel Plaza (formerly Backstreet Bistro) was incorrectly referred to as the Plaza Deli. The correct name is Lenny's Deli, named after co-owner Ken Spilfogel's brother.

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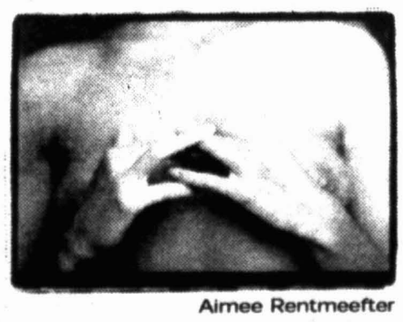
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Sandy Claws

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EINSTEIN DAVIS, 13 months, was intently burying his optic yellow tennis ball just before noon last week on Thursday when we encountered the yellow Lab/golden retriever mix on Carmel Beach.

If you'll remember, that was our week of high surf. Huge waves were building off shore, but Einstein paid them no mind. That ball needed serious burying!

After several holes had been dug and as waves continued to crash ashore, Einie, as Mom Liz calls him, switched to his "Mr. Socialite" mode. When he was younger, Einie was very shy, but after being introduced to the beach and the camaraderie it engendered, all shyness flew out the window. Now he's one of the guys, always looking for a good chase and a little grappling with old and new friends alike.

When he builds up a thirst, Einie runs to mom and drinks from a water bottle she carries with her – a habit he picked up as a pup on hikes.

And Einie's not fussy about food: He'll eat anything, including kelp, with which the beach is overstocked at present. As a matter of fact, so non-fussy is he about food, when he came upon a tray of smoked salmon and goat cheese appetizers set out on the kitchen table Thanksgiving day he thought they must have been placed there for him. Einie gobbled them all down – with no fuss at all.

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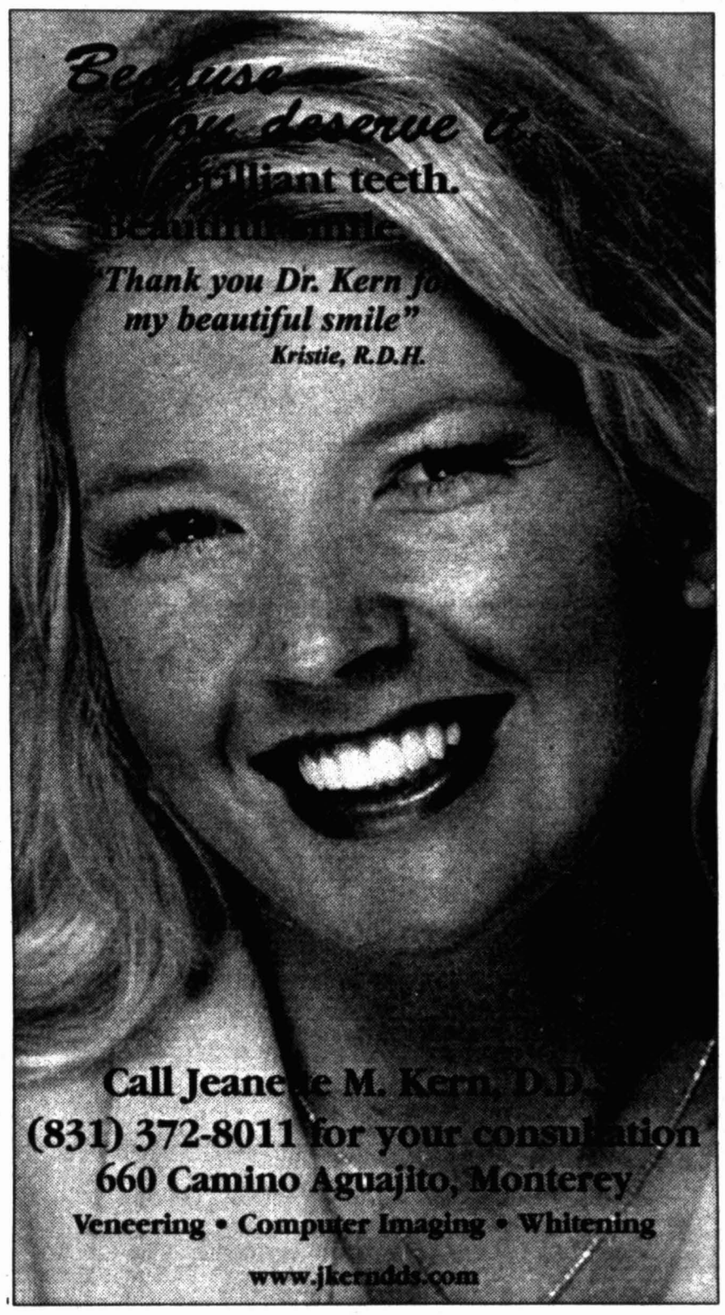

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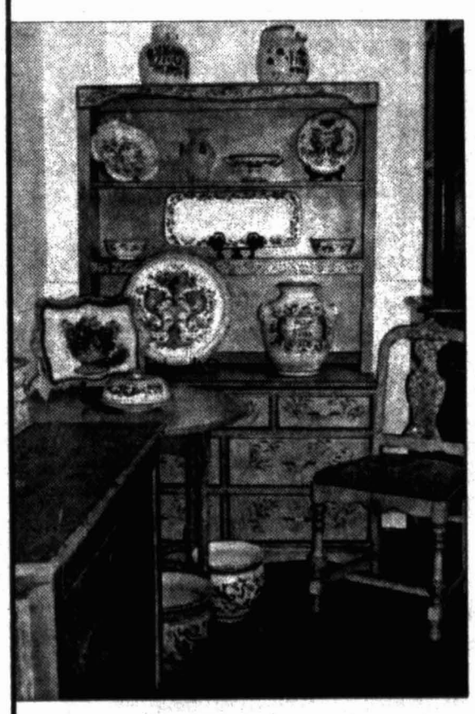
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OPINION

Editorial

Did they sell all the water?

WHEN FANNIE Meadows, John Martin, Kate Hatton and other Carmel Valley pioneers sold their water rights more than 90 years ago to the developers of the Hotel Del Monte, they never dreamed that act might ruin the people who later bought pieces of their extensive land holdings.

In those days, formation of a water company was part of the then-revered trend known as "progress" which solved all sorts of fatal problems confronting mankind. Among these was the scourge of contaminated water. Even now, millions of the world's children get sick and die from drinking bacteria-laden water. But in the U.S.A., we got together and solved that problem decades ago. Carmel Valley residents at the beginning of the 20th Century were happy to participate.

So when a representative of the Pacific Improvement Company or the Monterey Water Works came calling, offering to buy water rights by the barrelful and promising a network of pipes to deliver healthful, clean water at low cost, the Martins, the Hattons, the Meadows and their neighbors readily put their signatures on the bottom line. From a distance of so many years, it's easy to misunderstand what they must have had in mind.

The documents they left behind at the county recorder's office contain dozens of references to the sale of "all the riparian rights" to water from the Carmel River belonging to various parcels — seemingly leaving the parcels with no water rights at all. But can it be true that any property owner would sell all his water rights? A piece of land without any water — then and now — would be essentially worthless.

It seems much more likely that the old-timers sold what we now call "appropriative" rights — the right to take water from one piece of property and move it over the hill to the next town or the next county. The Monterey Water Works had no use for water which it couldn't move, and obviously had no intention to set up farming on the parcels from which the water was acquired. Some Carmel Valley property owners specified in the deeds they signed that they retained the right to water for "domestic purposes and livestock" on their own property. Others must have had the same thing in mind.

Nevertheless, with the 1995 state cutback order in place, and with the river bone-dry nearly every summer, the language of the documents is likely to prevent some Carmel Valley property owners from taking their fair share of the water running across or under their land.

This provides yet another example of how unfairly the burden of our current water shortage is distributed, and why it is so important for this community to shore up its water supply — with a new dam or the collection of alternatives known as Plan B — as soon as possible.

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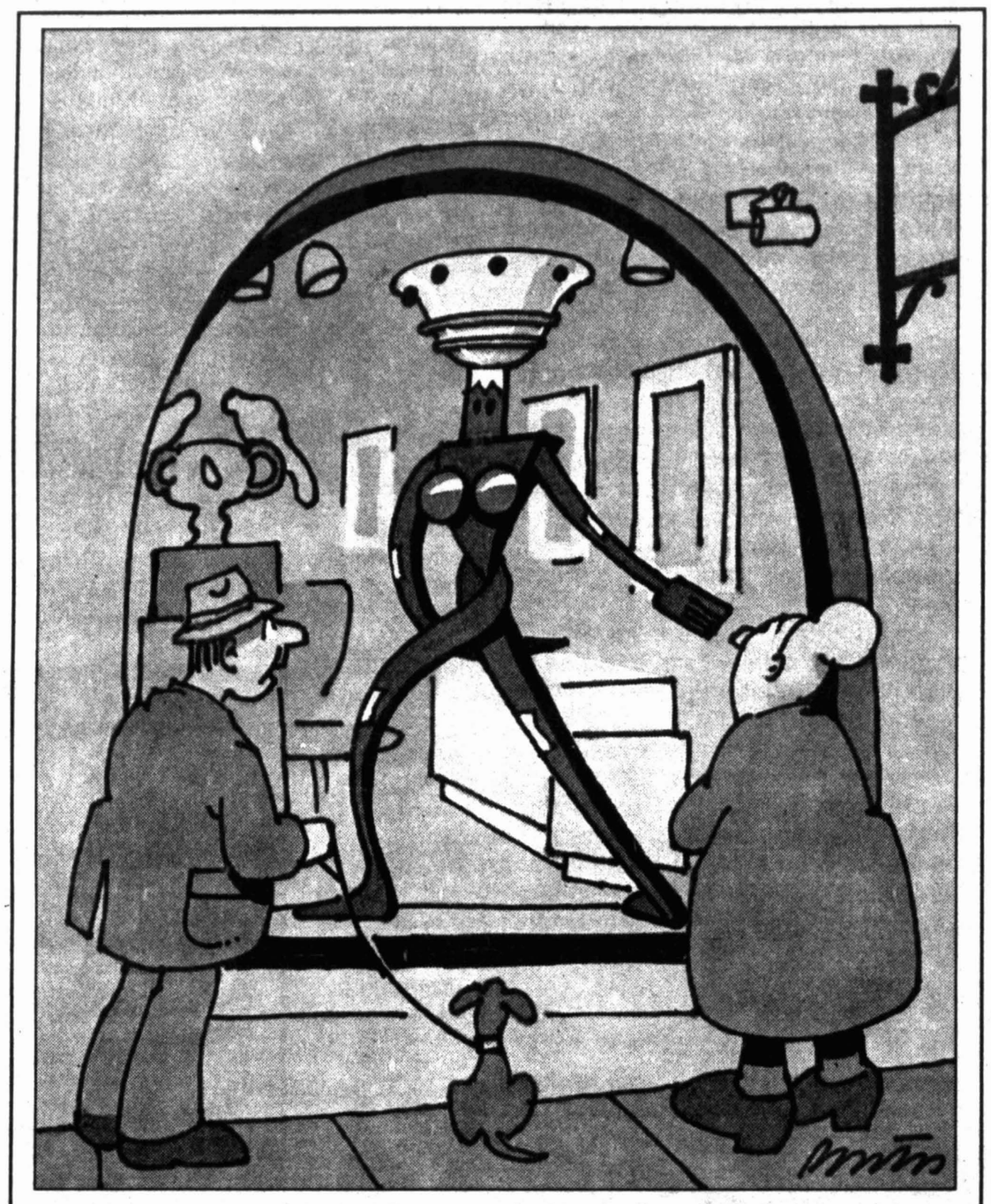

"I don't think Orange Julius is here anymore."

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No need to fear the historic sword

Dear Editor:

The Pine Cone's op-ed concerning the historicity of Carmel Valley Airport missed the mark. The application for historic recognition was filed with the State Historical Resources Commission at the same time as it was at the county level. The procedural details of the historic application are not worth noting here, but suffice it to say that the application to the state was not an appeal of the county's decision. Rather, the county hearing process was part and parcel of the State application for historic eligibility of the airport.

As for the state commission's decision, the historic application was reviewed by an eight-member panel of highly qualified historians who looked at the facts of the application outside the sphere of local politics and reached a unanimous decision on those facts. The same determination should have been reached by the County Historic Resources Review Board, but the board declined to rule on the historical facts after county counsel suggested that the county code prohibited them from supporting the designation without the consent of the owners. Whether the county code actually prohibits this is a question of legal interpretation. However, the point to note is that the local board never made any ruling on the historical merits of the state application.

Likewise, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors ruled against the state application not so much on the facts of the application as on their assertion that if the owners weren't in favor of historic recognition, they wouldn't support it. How ironic that the supervisors can be so supportive of the airport owners' wishes on this matter, while at the same time pursuing an ordinance to close down the airport — against the own-

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Keep in mind that the county has been required by the State Legislature since 1970 to develop a comprehensive land use plan for all public use airports in the county. The elected officials in Monterey County have shirked this responsibility in Carmel Valley for more than a quarter century despite requests by the County Airport Land Use Commission that they develop a comprehensive land use plan (most recently at their meeting on September 23, 2000). Having failed to enact a land use policy around the airport, the board of supervisors is now trying to wash their hands of the issue by taking away the property owners' right to continue operating the airport.

The Pine Cone's insinuation that the airport owners have been burdened with operating the airport because of unfavorable zoning is nonsense. The present owners have, quite generously, operated the airport for little, if any, revenue since 1953 and have seen fit to do so despite zoning on the property allowing one-acre residential lots.

No, Carmel Valley property owners are not "chagrined" that airport "fans" and history "buffs" have won this round because nearly 1,500 valley residents have signed a petition to the board of supervisors asking them to preserve the airport and all the benefits it provides the local community. Before the Pine Cone passes further judgment on the supposedly flawed decision by the State Historical Resources Commission, perhaps you should look at the application for historic eligibility first. Anyone else who is interested in the airport's history can find a summary at: www.vintageairfield.com/history.

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Choosing our future

Dear Editor:

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The other choice, the human-powered scooter, produces zero air pollution, zero noise pollution and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

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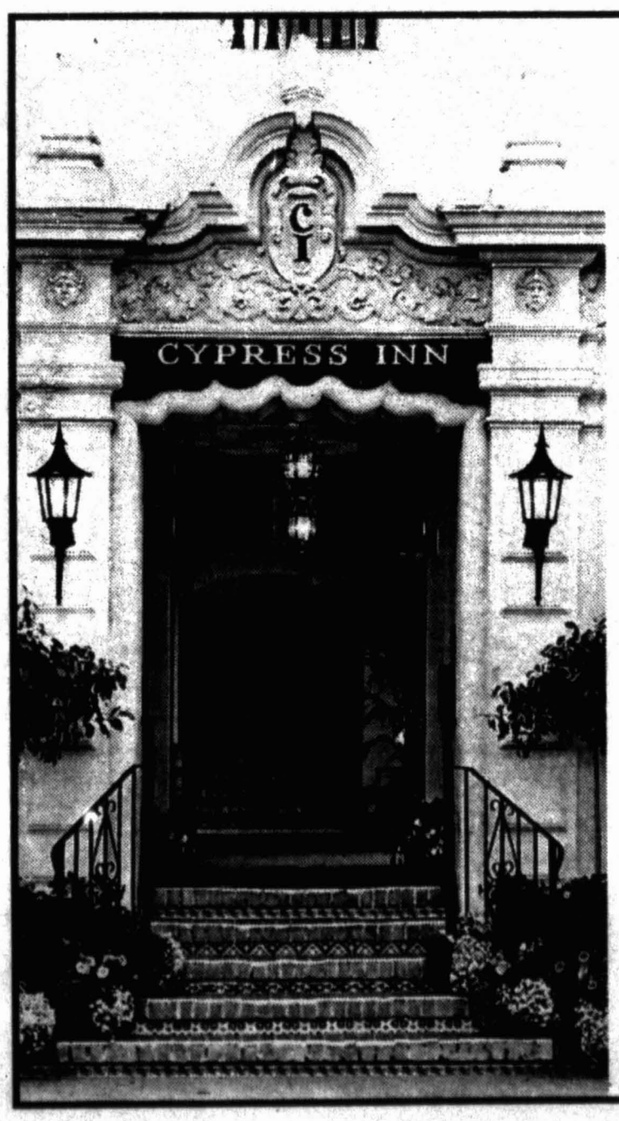

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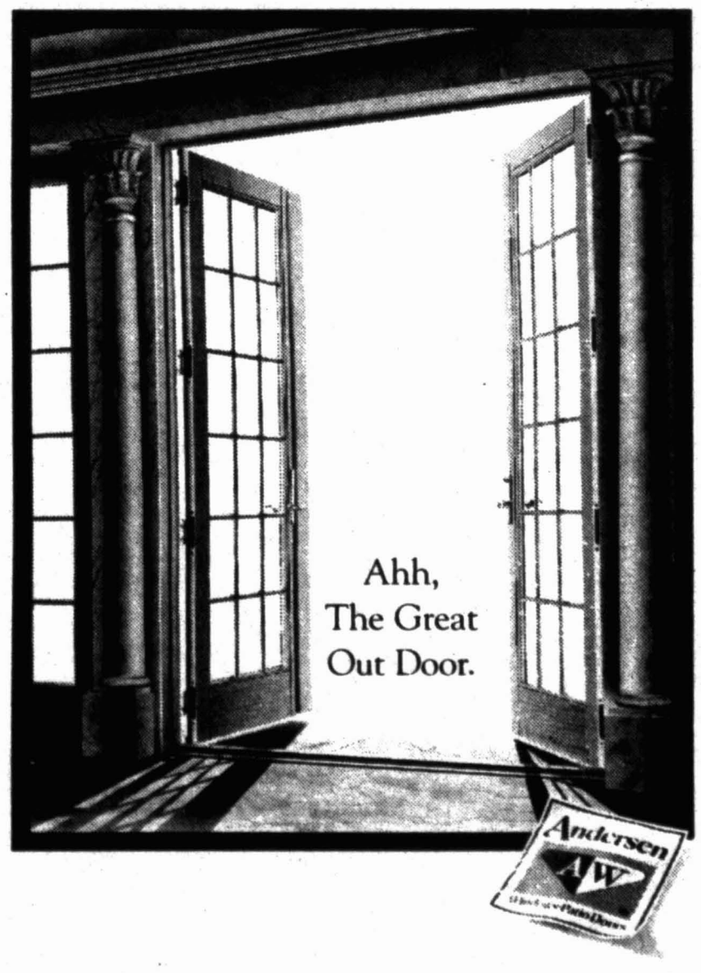

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HONOR

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said he wished he could "dispense justice" as fast as Eastwood did in the movies. The president also paid tribute to Eastwood's remarkable longevity in the film industry, saying he "grew up" enjoying the laconic cowboy star. After all, when William Jefferson Blythe (later Clinton) was 13, Eastwood was already a hero to lots of American kids, playing Rowdy Yates every week on TV's "Rawhide."

Eastwood said nobody at the Kennedy Center alluded to the election mess in Florida, except his co-star on "Space Cowboys," Donald Sutherland, who cracked that Eastwood won his medal "by at least 18,000 votes."

There aren't quite that many electors in this contest. Instead, the votes of 120-plus actors, musicians, dancers, composers, producers and directors on the 2000 Kennedy Center Honors Artists Committee put Eastwood in the pantheon of the performing arts.

After listening to a lot of high-powered people singing his praises, Eastwood also liked his assignment for the evening.

"You just sit there; you can't speak even if you wanted to, which was just fine by me," he said.

No longer dateless

Eastwood had made the acquaintance of only one of the other medal winners before the ceremony. At a visit to the White House during the Reagan presidency, both he and Baryshnikov were invited to a state dinner honoring Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

"We were the only two people there without dates, so we kind of hung out and laughed a little," Eastwood recalled.

This time, both heartthrobs were escorted — Eastwood by his wife Dina, who was ecstatic about visiting the White House for the first time, and who was bowled over by . . . the *food*.

"I've been to quite a few fancy events and restaurants and I swear, the banquet Saturday night was the absolute, without-a-doubt, most incredible food I have ever tasted," she said. "The hors d' oeuvres at the White House were unbelievable. I was the last one in the dining room, still eating, when this guy actually had to ask me to leave."

For the banquet, Dina wore a diaphanous black blouse and skirt with sparkling earrings, a last-minute purchase.

"I asked the chauffeur to pull over so I could run into the Rite Aid and buy some earrings to go with my outfit. I didn't plan very well for this trip!" she said. For the White House reception, she wore a not-so-new, flaming-red Cerruti gown. "It's six years old, the first designer dress I ever got, but it does the job," she responded when Hillary Clinton complimented her on it.

"I was very comfortable talking to the President and First Lady, and it helped me understand why people act the way they do around Clint," she added. "You really do feel that you *know* these famous people."

Emotional moments

The production honoring the five artists, especially the tribute to Baryshnikov, was riveting, Dina said. The story of Baryshnikov's defection from the Soviet Union in 1974 and new life as a free American brought tears to everyone's eyes.

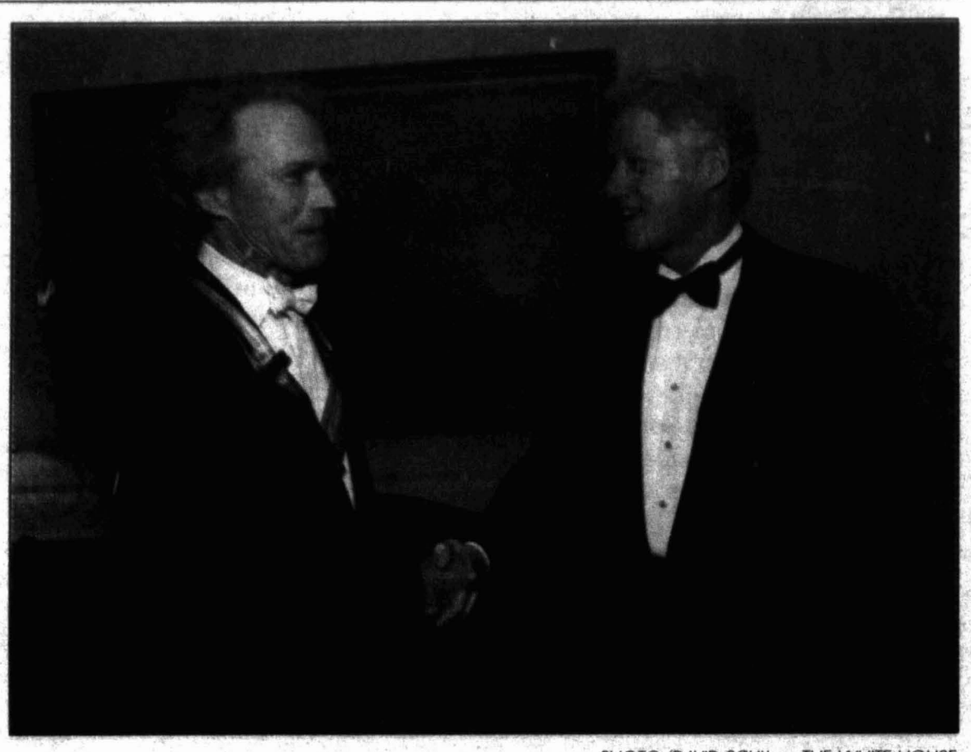
"The tribute to Baryshnikov was so moving, I almost felt ill," she recalled. "Your adrenalin is pumping so hard; you are trying not to cry and you are crying. This event was completely in a league of its own, and I was so grateful to be there."

In her tribute to Eastwood, Wesleyan University film professor Jeanine Basinger explained why he deserved the Kennedy Center medal.

"No other legendary movie star has ever questioned his own popular screen persona, or blown it sky high, the way Eastwood does. Yes, he was Dirty Harry, a Mr. Smith for a disillusioned decade, but he was also the barely competent police detective of "The Gauntlet." Yes, he was the ultimate mythic loner, The Man With No Name, but he was also Bronco Billy, a sweet joke about western heroes. Stupid, arrogant, self-absorbed, comic, leading man for an orangutan, even sexually twisted, Eastwood dared them all.

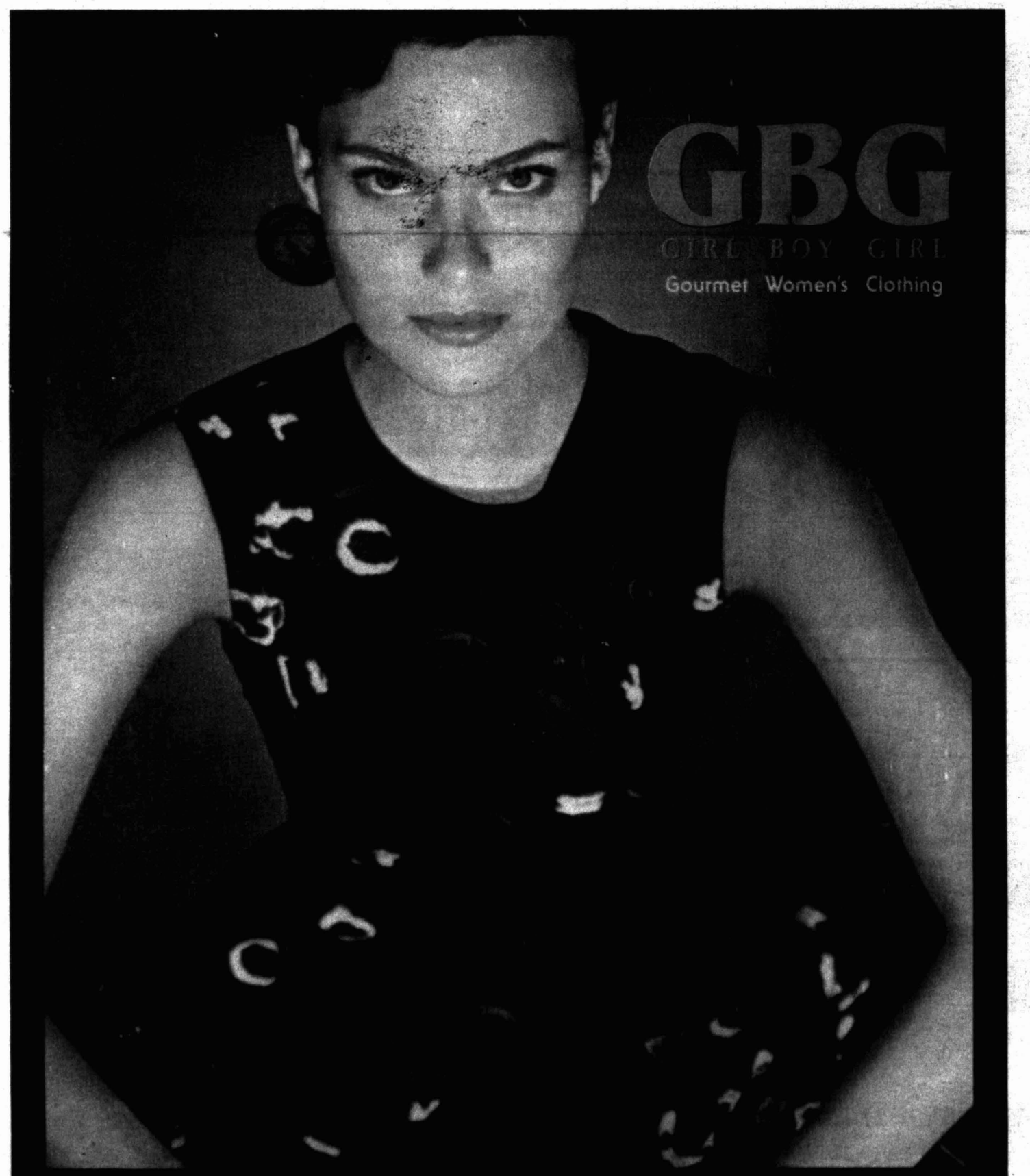
"After 50 years in the movie business (40 of them at the absolute top), he is still a working professional, a genuine icon with the respect of the world's critics and scholars, and the love of rank-and-file audiences everywhere."

The Kennedy Center Honors show can be seen from 9 to 11 p.m. Dec. 27 on NewsChannel 46 (cable channel 5).



PHOTO/DAVID SCULL — THE WHITE HOUSE

The 2000 Kennedy Center Honors presentation was the eighth and final to be presided over by President Clinton. 'Several people remarked about how sad he looked at the shows' end,' said Dina Eastwood. 'He obviously loves his job.'



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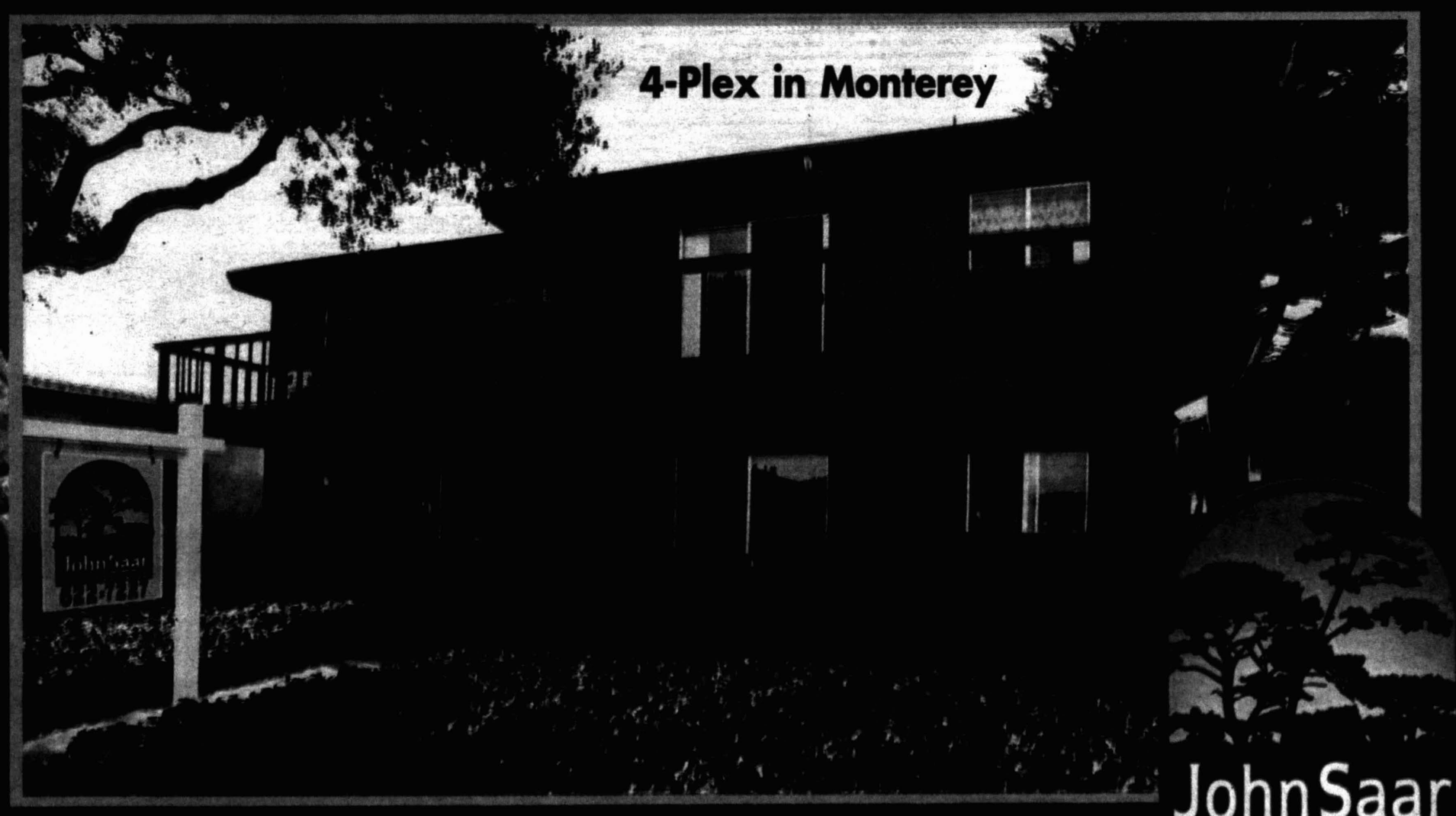

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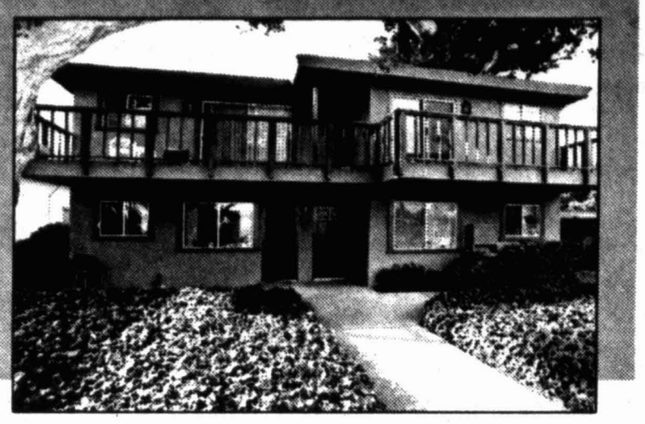

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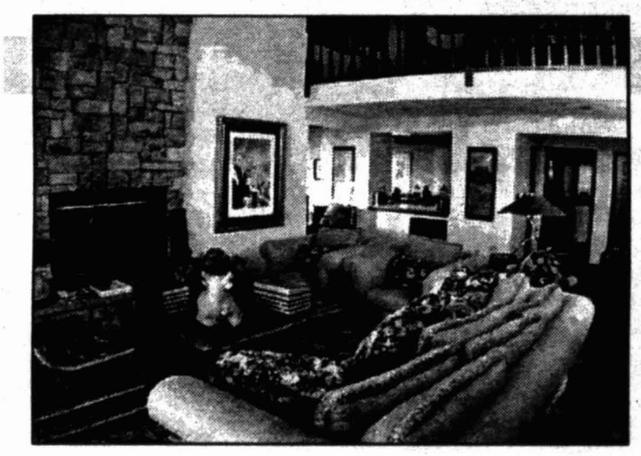

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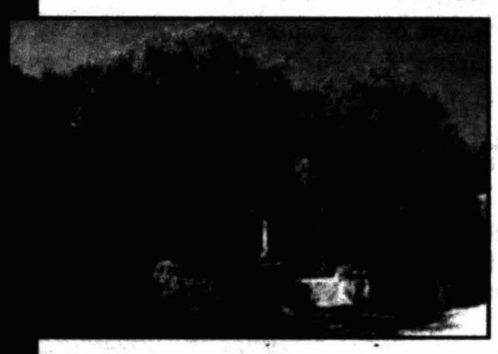

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5BR/4BA	Laura Ciucci	1:00-3:00
24738 Guadalupe		$695,000
2BR/2BA	David Ehrenpreis	1:30-3:30
24688 Camino del Monte		$619,000
3BR/2BA	Lawrence Lyonhardt	2:00-4:00

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1056 Ortega		$895,000
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5BR/4BA	Laura Ciucci	1:00-3:00
24722 Upper Trail		$2,250,000
4BR/4BA	Lawrence Lyonhardt	2:00-4:00

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

32694 Coast Ridge Dr		$1,250,000
3BR/3BA	Rob Gallaway	2:00-4:00

CARMEL VALLEY

71 Paso Mediano		$399,000
2BR/1BA	Joan Zielinski	1:00-3:00
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County commission will hear plan for Bernardus tasting room

By TAMARA GRIPPI

BERNARDUS LODGE'S plan for a new wine tasting room, delicatessen and offices received a chilly reception from some nearby residents and was opposed by the Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee at a public meeting Dec. 4.

The plans called for the relocation of the company's tasting room from Carmel Valley Village to a new, 9,840-square-foot single story building at the northeast corner of Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley roads, next to the renowned inn which opened last year.

At a public meeting Dec. 4, members of the land use advisory committee voted 5-1 to oppose the plan, which will go to the Monterey County Planning Commission next week.

The majority of committee members said they were concerned about parking for the new facility and increased traffic on Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade.

"I don't know what the plan is to get people in and out of the project and how to handle them when they're there," said committee chairman Joe Hertlein. "We've got to deal with the traffic issue before someone gets seriously hurt."

But dissenting committee member Mike Boerlin disagreed. "I live in the village and have to travel past Bernardus all the time and traffic hasn't been a problem."

Bernardus representatives pointed to a traffic study conducted by Keith Higgins Associates which concluded that the new project would not "generate significant traffic impacts or parking impacts."

According to the Higgins report, the new wine tasting room and deli would generate just five more weekday evening trips, seven more Saturday trips and two Sunday trips on Carmel Valley Road because most of the people visiting the new facility would already be on the road anyway, or would have been headed for the old tasting room.

'Some of the comments sound like we're penalizing Bernardus for running a better lodge than there was before. And there is a big demographic of people who do like the lodge and support the lodge.'
— Mike Boerlin

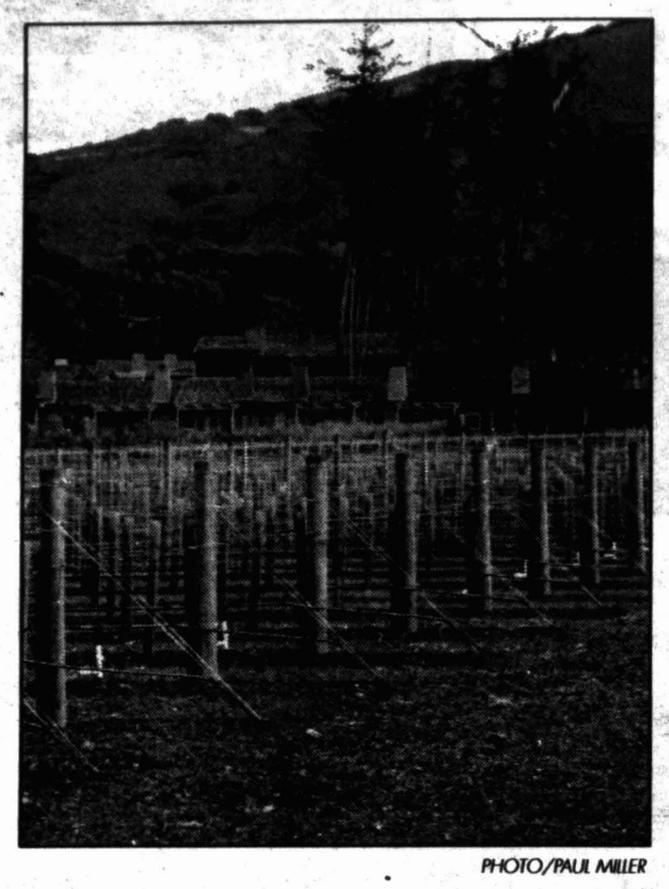
The report also projected that the facility would add five peak hour trips on Laureles Grade and less than one peak hour trip to the Highway 1 corridor.

But committee member Glenn Robinson commented that at least on portion of traffic study — which predicted that 50 percent of visitor would consist of people already traveling on the road — amounted to "guess work."

Others who attended the meeting were even more skeptical.

"To say that it will not generate any more traffic on the roads here is totally fallacious," said John Brenner. "How Keith Higgins reached that conclusion is just a mystery to me."

Bernardus representatives noted that they weren't creating a new wine tasting room, but moving their existing operation to a new location.



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The Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee opposed a plan submitted by Bernardus Lodge to open new offices, a delicatessen and wine tasting room on its property located at the foot of Los Laureles Grade.

"There are two operations that are separate now, which can be joined hand in hand," said Paul W. Davis, of the Paul Davis Partnership, the architectural firm which designed the remodel of the lodge as well as the new building. "We're not intensifying the use when these functions exist now in the Valley."

Bernardus project director Andy Cude explained that fulfilling the need for more office space is a top priority of the project.

"We've outgrown the use of our office space," Cude said. "We've under-planned and over-utilized the space we have."

Some in the audience were frustrated that they didn't have a chance to protest before Bernardus originally opened the lodge in 1999. But since that application was processed as a remodel of the old Carmel Valley Inn, it simply had to go before the zoning administrator and not before the county planning commission.

"If this project had come in including the wine tasting and offices it would have required a full-blown EIR," said Pat Bernardi. "What we have here is a project done the way things are often done Monterey County. Do a little bit here, then you come back and do a little more and a little more."

And attorney Fran Farina claimed that Bernardus' "entire environmental review was one of the ghostwritten documents shoved into the computer at the county planning department, which went before the zoning administrator and *voilà*, you have the Bernardus remodel."

But Hertlein said the environmental review of the new wine tasting room and executive office space was conducted entirely by county staff. On Oct. 30, the county staff issued a negative declaration concluding that the new lodge and wine tasting building will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Some people at the meeting argued that it's not fair to blame Bernardus for being successful.

"Some of the comments sound like we're penalizing Bernardus for running a better lodge than there was before," Boerlin said. "And there is a big demographic of people who do like the lodge and support the lodge. It's a shame they're not here tonight to say more about the positive impact of the lodge on the Village."

Carmel Valley resident Warren Kaufman said he "loved watching the development of the property" out of its original "threadbare" existence.

"As a neighbor I like what's been done there very much," Kaufman said.

The Monterey County Planning Commission will hear the Bernardus application Dec. 13.

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REAL ESTATE

Big Sur Land Trust aquires more acreage above Point Lobos

By MARY BROWNFIELD

MOVING EVER closer to a goal of preserving a large swath of property east of Point Lobos off Highway 1, the Big Sur Land Trust has purchased 16.75 acres of mountainous open space from Lynn Sakasegawa and Paul Stokes.

"The Highway 1 corridor is one of the most spectacular places in America, and as visitors travel south from Carmel towards Big Sur, they first come to Point Lobos," said the land trust's executive director, Corey Brown. "The west has already been preserved, but the area to the east is also extremely important for its habitat and scenic viewshed."

The state parks department will eventually acquire the property, which was bought by the land trust through the temporary use of internal funds, according to Brown.

"We provide earlier funding between when the land is available and when the public agency has funds available, thereby preserving it," he said.

When the state can afford to buy the property, the money will be used for future projects, according to Brown. The land trust is funded by private donors, grants and foundations, he added.

And working with people who support the agency's mission is rewarding, he said.

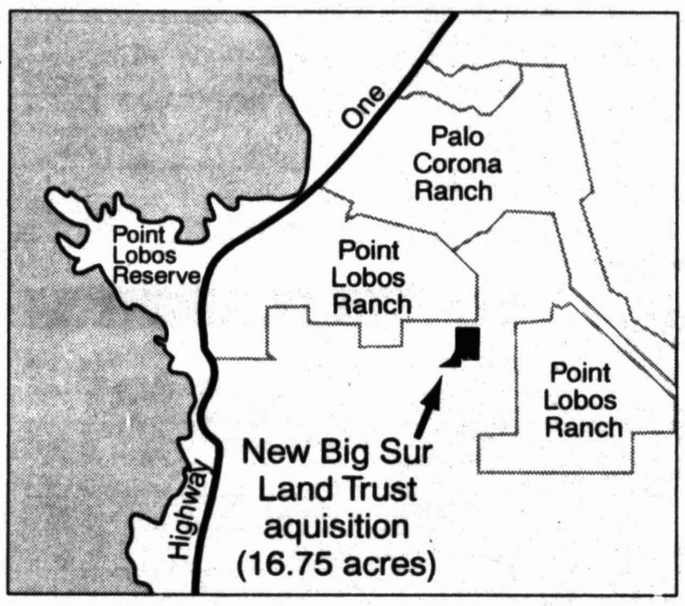
"The Big Sur Land Trust has made protecting the Point Lobos Ranch and other lands immediately to the east of Point Lobos a major priority for the past 10 years," he said. "We've had discussions over the past few years with the property owners — they were great to work with, and saw this as a very good use of the property."

Calling Monterey County "one of the jewels of the world," Brown said the land trust will continue to focus its efforts on buying and preserving property in the area of Point Lobos.

To that end, the Big Sur Land Trust has purchased a total of 1,350 acres of property in the area, according to Brown. Of the 1,312-acre Point Lobos Ranch, which the trust bought in 1993, 494 acres have already been transferred to the state parks department and the remainder will go to the agency in 2003, according to Brown.

Once the parks department has acquired the property, the state will determine how the land should be managed.

"They'll work on preparing a general plan which will help specify the best ways of providing public access and the use of the property," Brown said. "It's a beautiful property and we really appreciate Lynn Sakasegawa and Paul Stokes for working with us in a great way to preserve this very special part of Monterey County."



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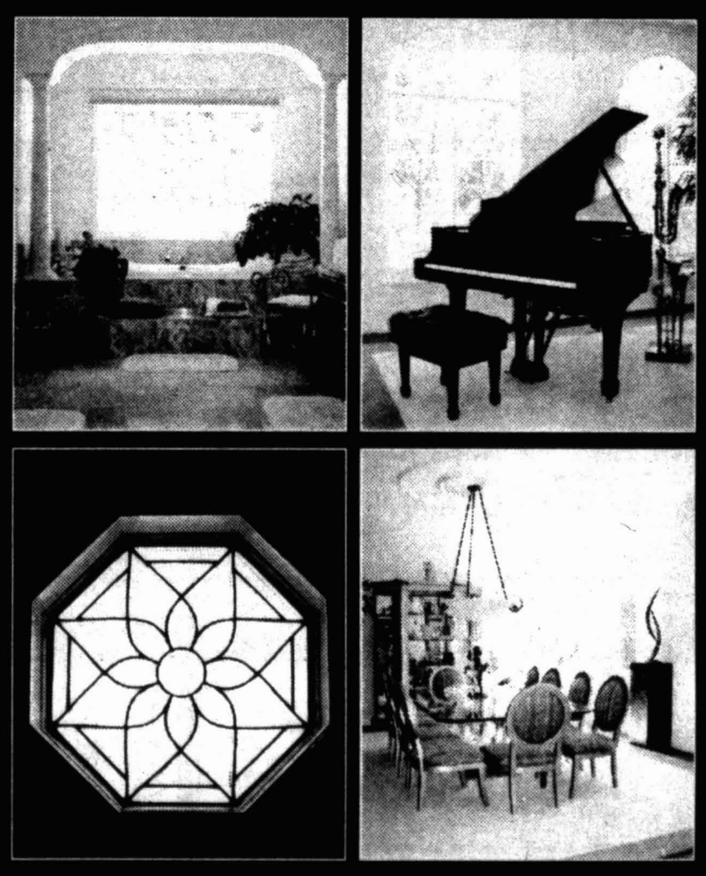

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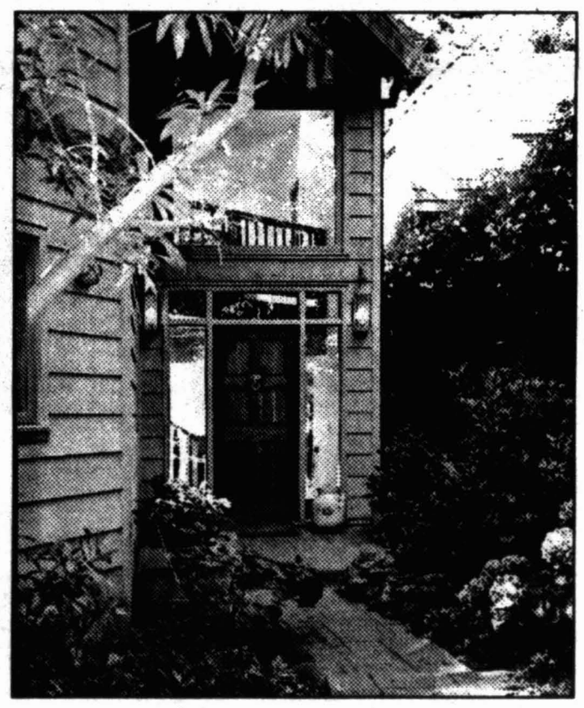

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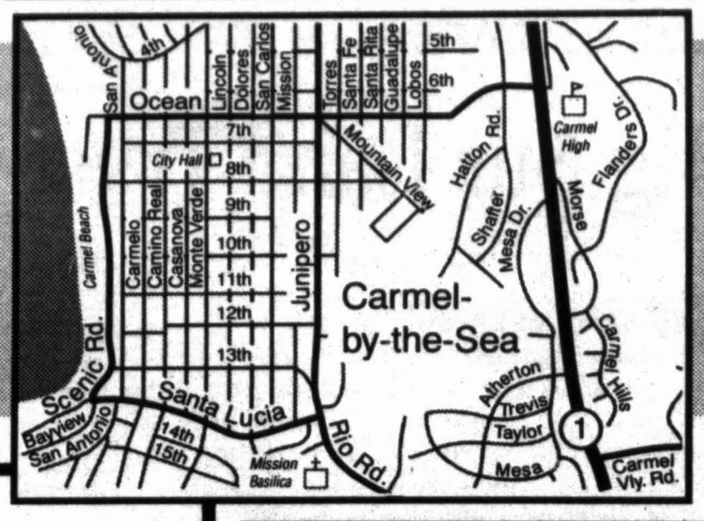

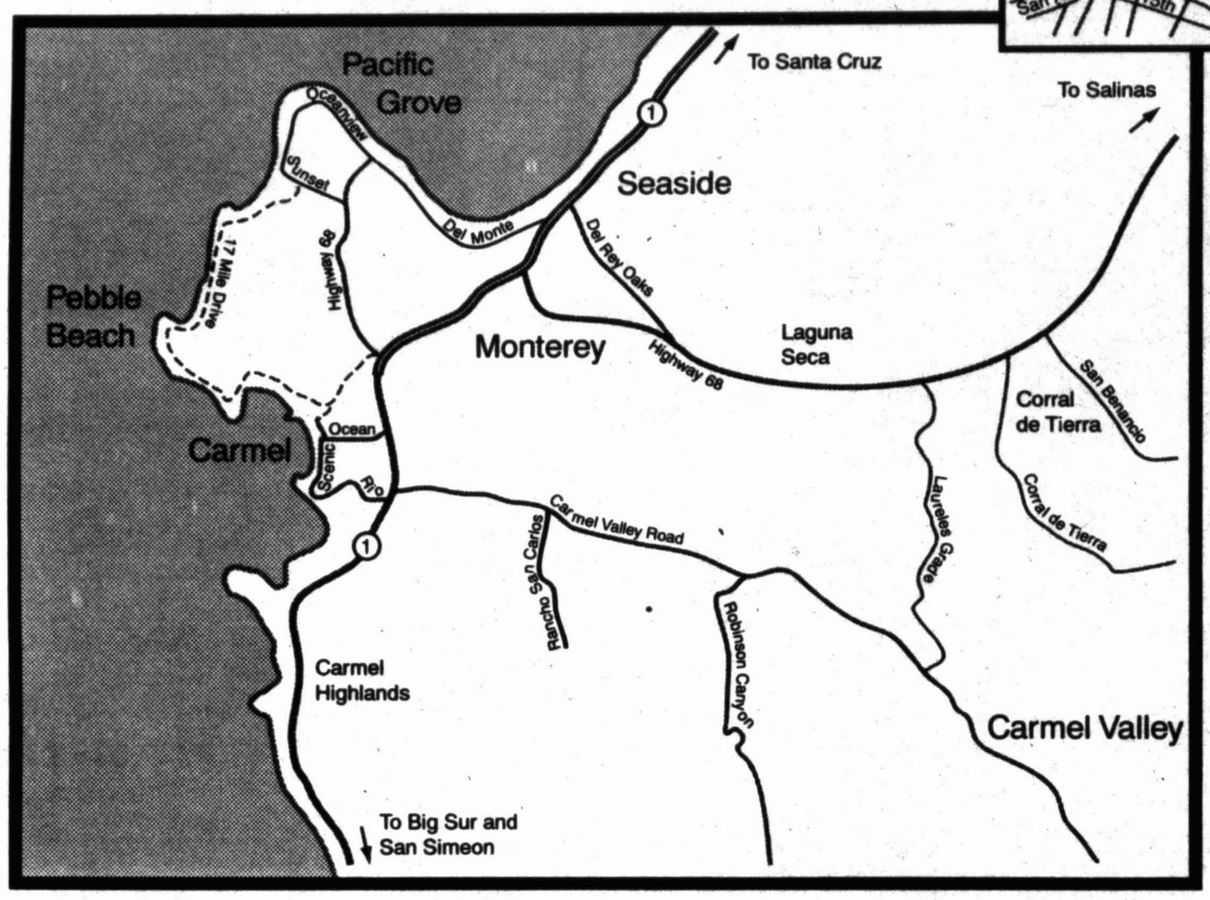

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$519,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
26571 Aspen Place		Carmel
John Saar Properties		626-6933
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24688 Camino del Monte		Carmel
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24694 Pescadero x First St		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
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24439 San Juan		Carmel
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26305 Camino Real		Carmel
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2643 Walker		Carmel
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24722 Upper Trail		Carmel
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24393 Portola Ave		Carmel
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$2,795,000 5bd 4ba		**Sa & Su 1-3**
25690 Hatton Rd		Carmel
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John Saar Properties		625-0500

CARMEL VALLEY

$399,000 2bd 1ba		**Su 1-3**
71 Paso Mediano		Carmel Valley
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$599,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 1-3**
131 E Carmel Valley Rd		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$695,000 2bd 2ba		**Sa 12-2**
9647 Poplar Court		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$750,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 12-2**
171 El Caminito		Carmel Valley
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7005ValleyGreensCir/Valley Gr Dr		Carmel Valley
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$895,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
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Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
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32694 Coast Ridge Drive		Crml Highland
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148 San Remo x Mal Paso		Crml Highland
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$5,295,000 4bd 4.5ba		**Sa 1-2 Su 2-4**
112 Yankee Point Drive		Crml Highland
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

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$225,000 2bd 1.5ba		**Su 1-4**
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$428,000 2bd 1ba		**Su 1-3**
628 Jessie x Prescott		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$649,000 5bd 2ba		**Su 1-4**
1501 Via Isola x Josselyn Cyn Rd		Monterey
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#2 Zaragoza Views x Munras		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$799,000 3bd 3ba		**Sa 3-4 Su 1-3**
898 Colton St x San Bernabe		Monterey
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1443 Manor Rd		Monterey
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MTY/SALINAS HWY

$300,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa 2-4**
19217 Creekside Lane		Mtry/Sins Hwy
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$585,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 1:30-3**
417 Calle Viejo Rd		Mtry/Sins Hwy
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25748 Paseo El Cajon		Mtry/Sins Hwy
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$795,000 5bd 3ba		**Su 1:30-4**
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PACIFIC GROVE

$379,000 2bd 1ba		**Sa 2-4**
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$430,000 2bd 1ba		**Sa & Su 1-3**
1111 Piedmont Ave		Pacific Grove
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$450,000 1bd 1ba		**Sa 1-3**
307 15th St		Pacific Grove
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$509,000 1bd 1ba		**Sa & Su 1-3**
412 7th St		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$549,000 2bd 1ba		**Sa 12-2**
305 12th St		Pacific Grove
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$550,000 2bd 1.5ba		**Sa 1-3**
207 14th x Lighthouse St		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$589,200 2bd 2ba		**Su 11-1**
730 2nd St		Pacific Grove
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$650,000 2bd 3ba		**Sa 1-3**
172 16th St		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226

PEBBLE BEACH

$839,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 2-4**
2919 Colton		Pebble Beach
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$995,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 1-4**
3109 Hermitage Rd		Pebble Beach
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$3,250,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Sa 1-3**
1016 Rodeo Rd		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
$4,900,000 5bd 4.5ba		**Sa 2-4**
3179 Palmero Way		Pebble Beach
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SEASIDE

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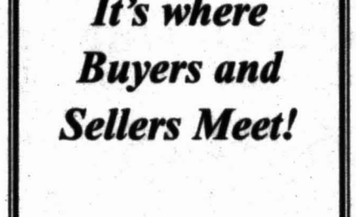

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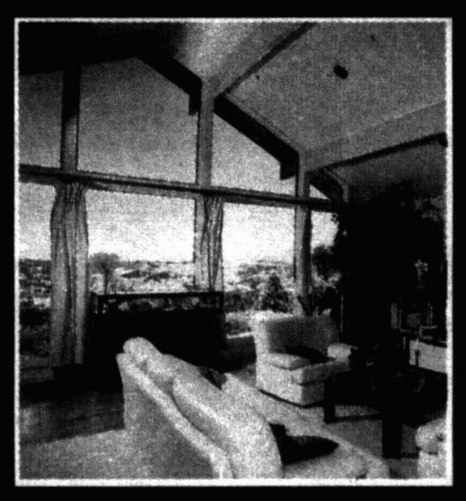

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a distressed dog in a blue Buick at Seventh and Mission. Parked with all windows open one to two inches in shade. Outside temp, 60 degrees. Inside car, cooler. One male beagle OK. Note left.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Provided an escort for a lost citizen back to his hotel.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle found parked at Junipero and Ocean with the trunk lid open. The trunk lid was secured. The remainder of the vehicle was secure. Nothing unusual noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a purse stolen from the library. Loss valued at $200.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver stopped at Highway 1 and Morse Drive for speeding, and found to be unlicensed. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron. Driver took a cab.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man called to report that his 6-year-old daughter was pushed off the monkey bars by a classmate at school today. He did not want to press any criminal charges and may call again if the identity of the other child is known.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman arrested at Highway 1 and Rio Road on an outstanding traffic warrant.

Carmel Valley: Unknown person reported seeing the front door to a Village restaurant open when the restaurant was closed. A responsible person arrived and secured it.

Pebble Beach: A Del Rey Oaks resident reported that while at his friend's house, a friend called and told him to come to his house so he could beat him up.

Carmel Valley: Woman saw what she thought was a suspicious male walking on Valley Greens Drive at about 0715 hours, when she was out for her morning jog.

Carmel Valley: A 1984 Honda was towed from the Mid Valley Shopping Center for expired registration over six months.

Carmel area: Over the holiday weekend someone used a pry tool to gain entry to room #24 at Carmel High School. Unknown at this time what was taken.

Carmel area: Fisher Place resident found four Padre Lane street signs from

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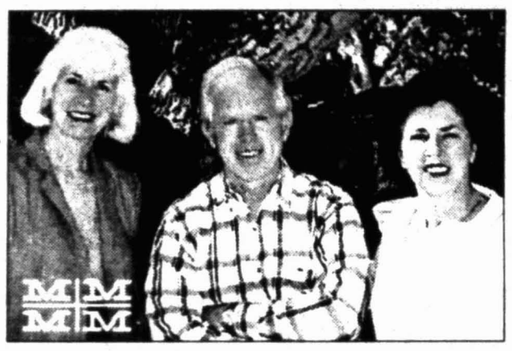

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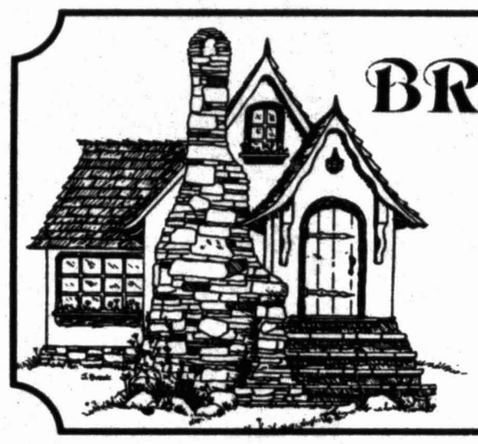

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002281. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **ENCOMPASS ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGIES**, 442 W. Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773. TRI-STATE, ACQUISITION CORPORATION, NV C32178-1999, 442 W. Bonita Avenue, San Dimas, CA 91773. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) Tony L. Visage, Assistant Secretary, Tri-State Acquisition Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 7, 2000. Publication dates: Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8 2000. (PC1115)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
ELIZABETH Y. MENES, Deceased.
Case No. MP-15261
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ELIZABETH Y. MENES

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to BRIAN C. KELLY, Trustee of the Trust Dated January 23, 1991, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four months after the first publication date hereof or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Thomas Hart Hartley
Attorney for Trustee
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 2000. (PC1121)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002314. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **LENNY'S DELICATESSEN**, 106A Carmel Plaza, Carmel, CA 93921. BACKSTREET BISTRO dba LENNY'S DELICATESSEN, 106A Carmel Plaza, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by a general partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 18, 2000. (s) Kenneth S. Spillogel. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2000. Publication dates: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2000. (PC1122)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
BERNARD F. LAIOLO, Deceased.
Case No. MP-15260
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BERNARD F. LAIOLO

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to KATHERINE ELINOR LAIOLO, Trustee of the Trust Dated May 4, 1983, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Thomas Hart Hartley
Attorney for the Estate
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 2000. (PC1123)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20001988. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **TAILORING BY JOSEPH**, 122 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA 93923. ROSE DI ROCCO, 20 Antelope Lande, Monterey, CA 93940. JOSEPH DI ROCCO, 20 Antelope Lane, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1969. (s) Rose Di Rocco. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Sept. 28, 2000. Publication dates: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2000. (PC1124)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002347. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **LINCOLN COURT RESTAURANT**, Lincoln St., E/S btwn 5th & 6th, Carmel, CA 93921. ROBERT E. BUSSINGER, 28 Mentone Dr., Carmel, Ca 93923. WENDY J. BRODIE, 28 Mentone Dr., Carmel, Ca 93923; P.O. Box 221940, Carmel, CA 93922. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. (s) Robert E. Bussinger, Wendy J. Brodie. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 17, 2000. Publication dates: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2000. (PC1125)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
of VIRGINIA STACY ELLIS
Case Number MP 15020

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VIRGINIA STACY ELLIS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DONALETA S. ROBINSON in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DONALETA S. ROBINSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on December 15, 2000 at 10:30 a.m., Dept.: Probate, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner THOMAS HART HAWLEY, P.O. Box 805, Carmel, CA 93921. (831) 624-5339. (s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY, Attorney for Petitioner.

Publication dates: December 1, 8, 15, 2000. (PC1201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002339. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **THE PRODUCER'S SERIES; CHELSEA RECORDS**, 300 Glenwood Cir. #119, Monterey, CA 93940; P. O. Box 2351, Monterey, CA 93942. TIMOTHY RAY CULBERTSON, 300 Glenwood Cir. #119, Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 1, 1992. (s) T. R. Culbertson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 15, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2000. (PC1202)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
PEARL M. CUNNINGHAM, Deceased.
Case No. MP-15269
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF PEARL M. CUNNINGHAM

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to JANET C. PARSONS, Trustee of the Trust Dated October 16, 1991, wherein the decedent was the Settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Thomas Hart Hartley
Attorney for the Estate
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2000. (PC1204)

SUMMONS
CASE NUMBER: M 48879
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: KAREN WASHINGTON; SEAN TAYLOR SERABY; PETER BECKERMAN; CHARLES BECKERMAN, SALINAS VALLEY FORD SALES; AND DOES 1 to 50, inclusive;
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: LESLIE MARIE SIMS, a minor, by and though CAROLYN SIMS, her Guardian and Litem; and CAROLYN SIMS, individually.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court.

A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case.

If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

The name and address of the court is:
MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
1200 Aguajito Road
Monterey, California 93940
Civil Division

The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
Richard Gregg, Esq. (SBN: 78787)
111 W. St. John St., Suite 1100
P.O. Box 15001
San Jose, CA 95115-0001
408-298-5678

Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual defendant.

Date: Nov. 7, 2000
(s) Sherri L. Pedersen, Clerk
by Rosa Dalia, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2000
(PC1205)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 178097. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **ADV INSURANCE AGENCY**, 2890 Monterey Road, San Jose, CA 95111. SAN JOSE ADVANTAGE HOMES, INC. 4000 Moorpark Ave., Ste. 100 San Jose, CA 95117. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/1/00. (s) Glenn Gillian. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 22, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2000. (PC1207)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In the Matter of the Application of BENJAMIN HERBERT SHERMAN, petitioner, for Change of Name
Case No. M51551.

WHEREAS, Benjamin Herbert Sherman, petitioner, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing petitioner's name from BENJAMIN HERBERT SHERMAN to BENJAMIN HERBERT HABERTHUR.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in Department TBA of this court, located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940, on Jan. 5, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in The Carmel Pine Cone, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Monterey County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

Date: Dec. 1, 2000.
Publication dates: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2000. (PC1208).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002406. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **AIRGAS-NCN**, 3650 Industrial Blvd., Ste. 100, West Sacramento, CA. 95691. Airgas-Northern California & Nevada, Inc. Delaware, 3650 Industrial Blvd., Ste. 100, West Sacramento, Ca. 95691. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed herein. (s) Todd R. Craun, Secretary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 30, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2000. (PC1210)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002426. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **THE GROCERY DELIVERY COMPANY**, 773 Mermaid Ave. Pacific Grove, Ca. 93950. Christopher Cassidy, 773 Mermaid Ave., Pacific Grove, Ca. 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/2001. (s) Christopher Cassidy. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 4, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2000. (PC1211)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20002422. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **CARMEL BUILDING & DESIGN**, P.O. Box 2201, Carmel, 93921, 200 Clocktower Pl. Carmel, Ca. 93923. CARMEL PROPERTY SERVICES, L.L.C., CA. 20 Scarlett Rd., Carmel Valley, CA., 93924. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/01. (s) Chris Sawyer. (s) Carmel Property Services Chris Sawyer, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 1, 2000. Publication dates: Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2000. (PC1209)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
City Hall
East side of Monte Verde between Ocean and 7th Avenues
620-2000

Sue McCloud, Mayor
Richard M. Ely
Paula Hazdovac
Barbara Livingston
Gerard Rose

AMENDED NOTICE
12 December 2000
Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

I, SUE McCLOUD, Mayor of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, by virtue of the power vested in me by Section 54956 *et seq.* of the Government Code, do hereby call a Special Meeting of the City Council in conjunction with the Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Committee and the State Office of Historic Preservation for the following purpose:

1. To discuss historic preservation issues including the following:
- The Role and Function of the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHOP)
- The California Environmental Quality Act and Historical Resources (SHPO Interpretation)
- Historic Resources Survey
- Historic Districts
- General Discussion (Questions and Answers)

The Special Meeting will be on Tuesday, 12 December 2000 at 3:00 in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde between Ocean and 7th Avenues. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Sue McCloud, Mayor
by (s) Karen Crouch, Acting City Clerk
Amended: December 4, 2000
Publication date: Dec. 8, 2000
(PC1212)

FAX IT

Our 24-hour Fax number is (831) 624-8463

The Carmel Pine Cone

Pebble Beach in his front yard last Saturday night. The signs were turned over to Pebble Beach Security.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: At approximately 1530 hours, someone purchased two "Helena" dresses (one pink, one black) from an Ocean Avenue store and paid $300.38 with a personal check. The store employee called the bank to verify funds at 1645 hours and was told there were insufficient funds in the account. The store will submit the check to see if it clears and will contact both the D.A.'s office as well as the police department if the check does not clear. Unable to contact the subject.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Person reported attempting to contact a Dolores business for two hours. Business was found to be open and conducting business in a normal manner.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Life Line alarm activation recorded at a Mission apartment. The property manager was able to respond with a pass key. Interior check made and resident was not at home. Alarm reset, CHOMP nurse contacted. Apartment secured.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Welfare check on a Lincoln resident. A neighbor reported newspapers were beginning to pile up outside the household. Interior check made via an open window. No one was at home. The window was secured.

Carmel Valley: The night manager at Mid Valley Safeway reported a suspicious subject in the store. The subject was contacted and agreed to leave the store without incident.

Big Sur: Woman reported a large sum of money stolen from her room.

Pebble Beach: Woman requested a civil standby while she picked up her 11-year-old daughter from her grandparents at a Los Altos Drive residence. No one was home and her whereabouts are not known.

Pebble Beach: Seventeen Mile Drive resident called to report suspicious circumstances.

Carmel Valley: Tassajara Road resident reported finding what she believed to be an illegal telephone line running across her property.

Carmel Valley: Scarlett Road residents reported the past tense theft of their Visa and Mastercard account numbers while on vacation in Mexico in October 2000. The cards were used in Mexico and Texas. This report was made as a courtesy to their credit card companies.

Carmel Valley: Hacienda Carmel resident requested a standby as a caregiver moved her belongings from the home.

Carmel area: Outlook Drive resident reported that a month ago she heard voices coming from her attic. The voices sounded like changing and did use her name. She was told to call back when the voices came back. Talked to her husband, who said she is on medication and seeing a psychiatrist.

Carmel area: Waitress reported a disruptive customer swearing and being obnoxious inside the restaurant. Deputies contacted the subject, who is an Alzheimers patient suffering from dementia and off his medication. His caregiver arrived and took him home, promising not to leave him in the restaurant alone and unmedicated again.

Carmel Valley: Dispatched to a general alarm at Rancho Cañada Golf Club. Found the front door pried open. Two golf bags found outside on the roadway. No one inside. Responsible said the bags were taken from the front counter with numerous Calloway golf clubs. Clubs worth over $15,000.

Carmel Valley: River Place resident reported being frightened by an unknown male walking past her house along the green belt on the south side of her house. He was seen carrying an illuminated flashlight and said "Hello"

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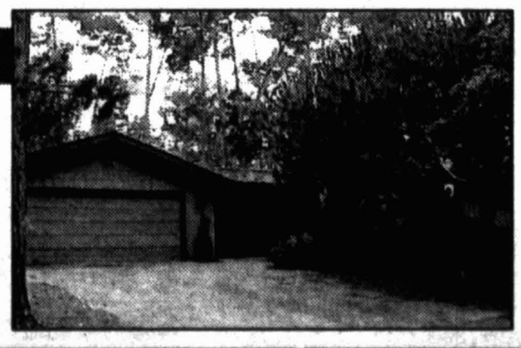

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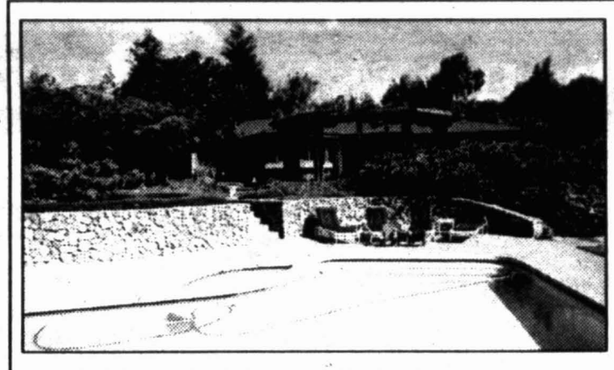

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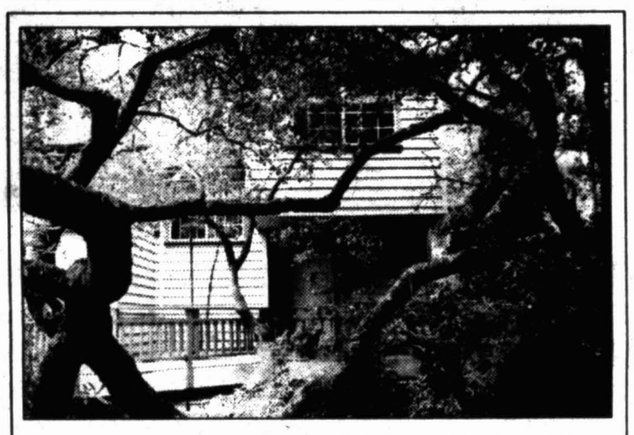

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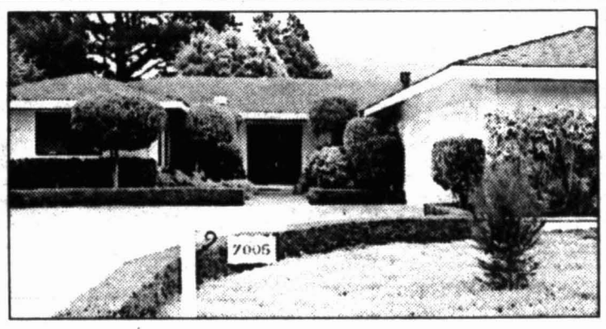

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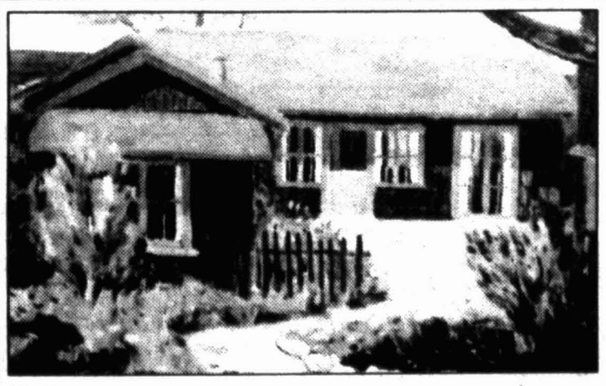

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POLICE LOG

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when he passed her.

Carmel Valley: While patrolling the Valley Greens area, deputy observed a residence with a subject walking in the rooms with a small flashlight. In light of the recent burglary activity, the residence was approached and searched. However, it was the owner using the flashlight.

Carmel Valley: Quail Meadows Drive resident reported seeing somebody walking around the area with a flashlight. It was later found to be security checking the area.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman was walking her pet spaniel westbound on Ocean at Forest. While walking due west, a large black and white husky mix ran towards them. The husky pounced on top of the spaniel. The woman fell to the ground as a result; however, she was not hurt. A citizen came to her aid and managed to scare the husky away. The dog ran westbound on Ocean from the scene. Area check made for the suspect dog and it was located at Guadalupe and Sixth. Unable to catch the animal in question. Close patrol conducted of the area in order to locate the dog and the dog owner. Information forwarded to Monterey County Animal Control too.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man in an Ocean Avenue bakery talking loudly to himself. The management allowed him to have a free cup of coffee because he was acting so strangely. The talking continued to a point that it was scaring the patrons. The management then called to have him removed. He was cooperative but spoke in broken, illogical sentences. He was allowed to go on his way.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman came to the station to report that someone had been verbally abusive to her. Both had dated in Japan recently. Apparently he had assaulted her in Japan and he spent two weeks in jail. He had since apologized to her and wanted to see her in the U.S. She decided to give him a second chance and said he could come out to see her. He arrived three days ago and had been verbally abusive ever since. She was in fear for her safety and asked to have him removed. Sgt. and corporal went to the apartment and asked him to leave. He packed up his things and complied. He asked to be taken to San Jose and a taxi was requested.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Ceiling clothing rack collapsed, setting off a burglary alarm in a Dolores business. An electrical conduit was ripped out and there was significant damage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A citizen reported loud work at an Ocean Avenue restaurant at 0321 hours. Upon arrival discovered the noise was the street sweeper cleaning the street.

Carmel area: An MST bus driver reported an unruly passenger who refused to get off of the bus. The subject was removed without incident.

Carmel area: Hacienda Place resident reported hearing strange noises outside her home. A check of the exterior showed nothing out of the ordinary.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man received a tip from a gallery operator in Los Gatos regarding a subject using his name to purchase artwork. He did not recognize the name and called the police. He leases building space to seven different galleries in Carmel. Suggested he notify the operators of the galleries he leases to regarding the subject's name.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a window on the north side of a 12th Avenue residence being open for the last two nights. Resident was at home, forgot to close the window.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of plants from the center island planter on Ocean Avenue at Junipero Avenue.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver arrested at North Ridgewood and 13th found to be in possession of barbiturates/amphetamines, possession of paraphernalia and DUI.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of vandalism to a vehicle's tire. Upon arrival, noted no signs of vandalism, only a flat tire. No ruptured area of the tire could be located, as the tire is still on the vehicle. He stated that this is the second time in two months he has had a flat tire. He advised that two months ago he found a nail in his tire and believed someone deliberately placed it there. Advised him that there was no evidence of a crime at this time. He stated he would remove the tire and locate the damaged area so he could follow up. He also added that he believed his vehicle was called in abandoned to CPD. He believes the person who placed that call could be vandalizing his vehicle. He requested a records check be done to see if his vehicle was the same vehicle reported as abandoned. Advised that due to the amount of records stored at CPD, that action may not be feasible at this time.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Backed up the sheriff's department on a loud party on Carmel Knolls.

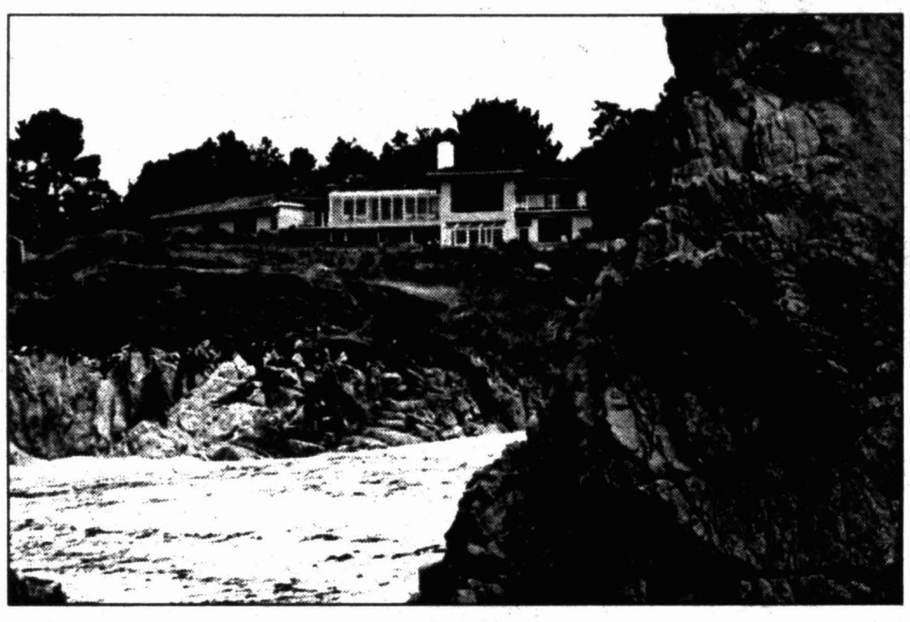
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Three vehicles with registration expired more than six months towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle left parked and locked blocking a driveway to a small parking lot for a local business. Employees were blocked from exiting the parking lot. Vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicles found parked in a temporary tow-away zone.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Carmel Highlands Beach House



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Carmel area: Unknown suspect(s) pried open a tool shed/box and stole several thousand dollars worth of power tools from a Highway 1 residence.

Pebble Beach: Unknown person entered an occupied Mesa Lane residence. Victim believes that her purse was taken out of the master bedroom while they were in their den at around 8:45 p.m. on 11/30/00. Entry is believe to have been made through unsecured rear sliding glass doors.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley manor reported being victimized by a telephone fraud originating out of Jamaica. Pacific Bell is conducting the investigation.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Elderly female lost her way home. Assisted with a ride to her residence at Dolores and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a chimney fire at San Antonio and Eighth. CFD responded and extinguished the fire.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of three people stealing items from a Carmel Plaza store. Contacted and found new wallets in their bags. The three paid for the items and left the store.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Woman fell on a city sidewalk, injuring her right knee. She is seven months pregnant and was transported to CHOMP as a safety precaution to check the status of her baby.

Big Sur: A 17-year-old male from Salinas reported that while camping in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, a Seaside man hit him several times with a stick and then kicked him several times while he was down. The male juvenile was transported to CHOMP by AMR and the man was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

Pebble Beach: Deputies responded to a Costado Road residence regarding a possible overdose. Subject had already been transported to CHOMP prior to deputies' arrival.

Pebble Beach: Man reported someone stole his camera equipment and $350 cash from his unlocked vehicle on Arroyo Drive.

Carmel Valley: CHOMP requested a welfare check at an Encina residence for an elderly female. No answer at door. It did not appear as if anyone was home.

Pebble Beach: Strawberry Hill resident reported seeing a light shining through her bedroom window. Unable to locate the source of the light.

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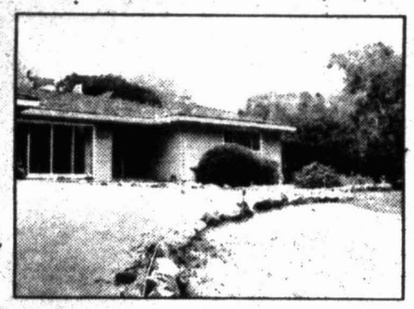

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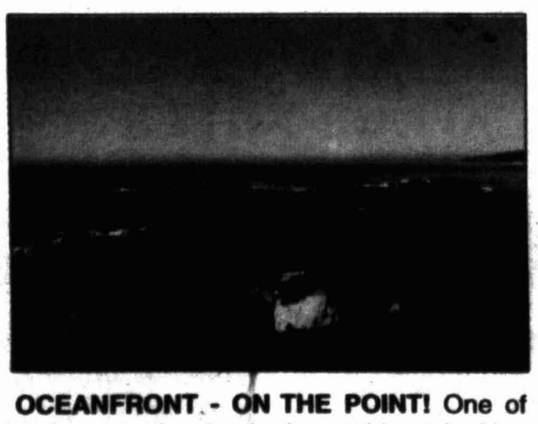
COVETED, COMFORTABLE & CLOSE! In Carmel's most coveted neighborhood, close to the beach and village shops is this move-in condition, single-level "south of Ocean Avenue" residence. A 3-bedroom, 2-bath remodeled home that sits on an oversized 5300 sq. ft. corner lot featuring a large living room, wonderful kitchen, and cozy family room/sun room. Surrounded by beautiful landscaping, the home overlooks a private patio and is full of light. $1,295,000.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH! Located in a park-like setting, just a short stroll to downtown Carmel-by-the-Sea. You'll love the recently remodeled kitchen, the beautiful hardwood floors and bay windows of the "Great Room," the 4 ample bedrooms, and the lovely views of the nearby 32-acre greenbelt. Privacy abounds, as you discover the virtues of Carmel living, just "off the beaten path." $895,000.



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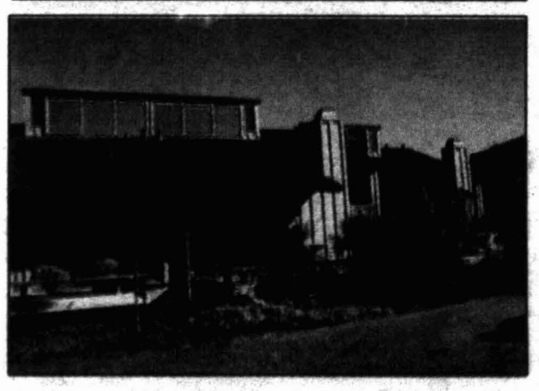
CARMEL VALLEY



CARMEL VALLEY RANCH! Just a cart ride from C. V. Ranch's golf course and tennis facility, sits this easy-care home. On a quiet cul-de-sac, this roomy 2-bedroom, 2-bath townhouse features a spacious living room with open-beamed vaulted ceilings & cozy fireplace. The oversized master bedroom boasts a view deck with valley vistas. This easy-care home also includes a west-facing sun deck overlooking beautiful gardens. $695,000.

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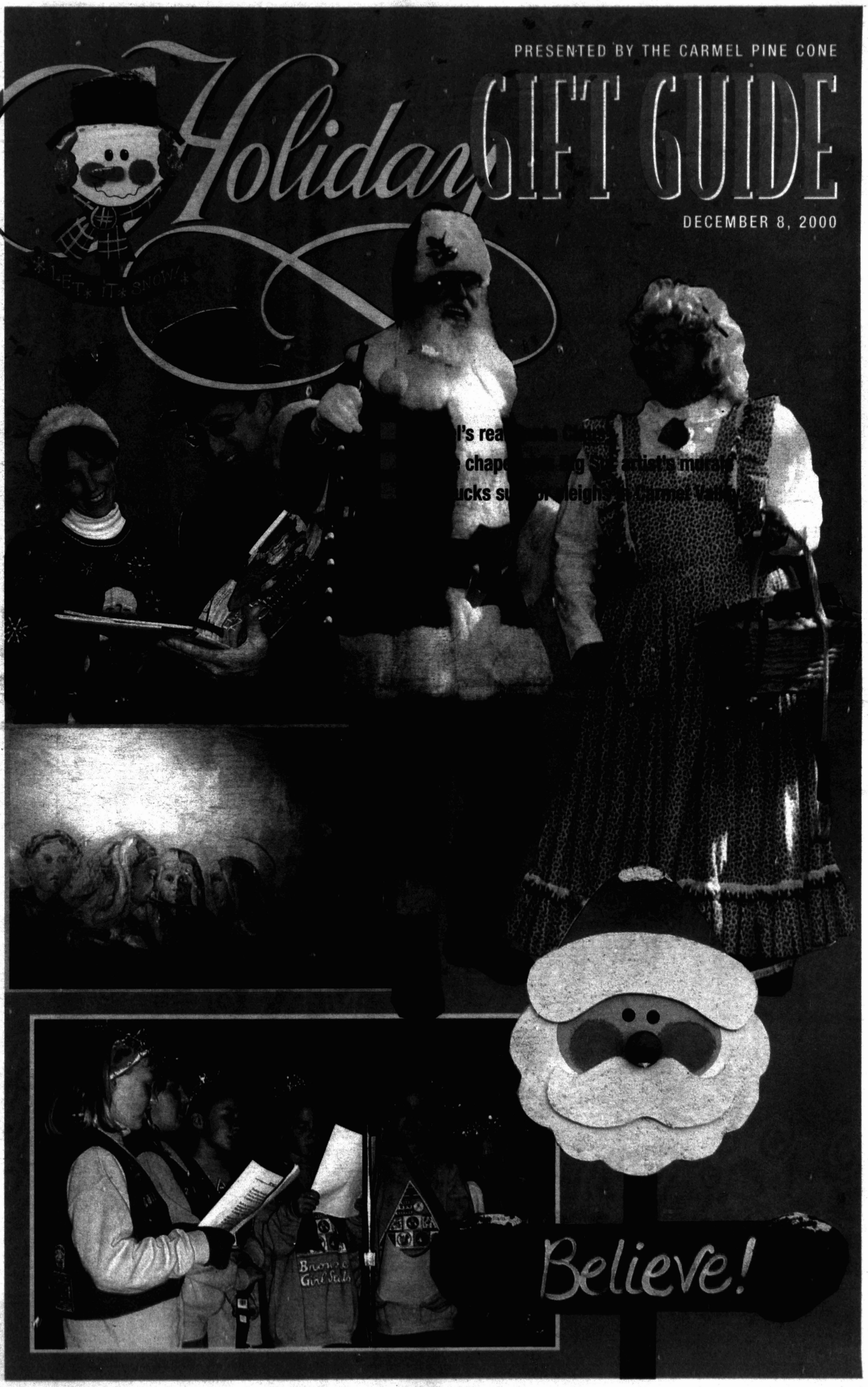

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Carmel Santa Claus marks 20 years of assuaging wishful tots

By HILARY HANLON

More delightful than the glow of lights, the ringing of bells and the creamy taste of eggnog is the joy that comes to those who are clever enough to believe in Santa Claus — especially youngsters, whose faith flavors their whole world at Christmas time.

For years, Carmel Plaza has provided the opportunity for local and visiting children to sit on the lap of the jolly, white-bearded man and fulfill their youthful dreams. Every year, starting the day after Thanksgiving, they wait in long lines full of hope and excitement as they anticipate whispering their wish lists in the venerable man's ears.

This year, the well-loved Plaza Santa celebrates his 20th appearance in Carmel. And his Santa career spans many years before these.

An uncanny resemblance

"All of my life, I have been told 'you should be Santa Claus' — even before I had a full beard," says Robert Calais, whom you have probably seen in town and has inspired many to do a double take.

Since he was in his 30s, his friends and colleagues have commented on Calais' uncanny resemblance to the jolly old St. Nick. You've probably seen him walking to the beach or sitting in front of Bruno's eating a sandwich bedecked in jeans and a plaid shirt. His long, gray beard falls past his chest. His eyes sparkle blue and his cheeks are

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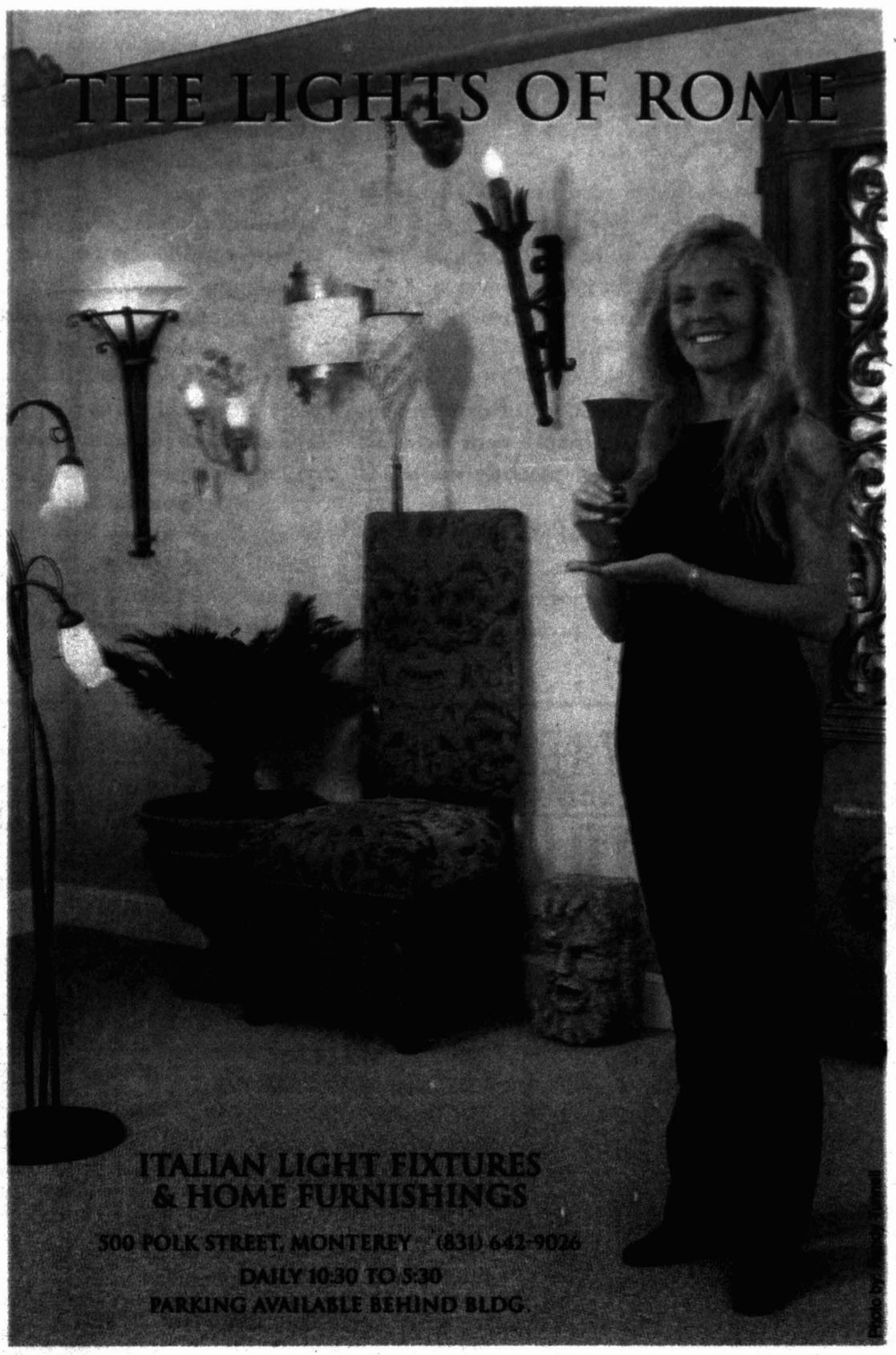
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truly rosy. Those who know him best say there's an undeniable mysterious quality about him.

While working at a variety of part-time jobs, since the 1950s his mainstay career has been Santa.

"When we were looking for a Santa, we had no idea we would come upon the real thing," says Plaza Marketing Director Alyson Schoeny. "I imagine that what would have been the normal list of requirements in interviewing candidates for Santa went right out the window within moments of meeting the candidate," says Schoeny.

It was the unilateral decision of plaza officials that, beyond his physical characteristics, Calais' qualifications for the job had to include loving children.

"There was and there is no pretense, no show or contrivance to be Santa in his demeanor. He leaves you with the distinct impression he knows himself that he is Santa," she says.

Around the plaza he is known as 'Santa Bob'

"He is in his element' with the crowds who comes to see him," says Schoeny, who enjoys watching Calais interact with the children at the plaza during Christmas time.

Victoria Paynter, who has played Mrs. Claus for 20 years, has spent many long hours at the man's side. She attests to his ability to preserve the delicate trust of children who are brimming with questions.

"Bob has won the hearts of many children over the years. There are two deaf children who return each season just to see him. Often people travel from long distances — coming from Fresno and further," says Paynter. "To my surprise, he has even come up with foreign languages on the spot to communicate with children from around the world," says Paynter.

There is also an element of intrigue that wraps this man in mystery for many in town.

Bruno's Market employee Debra Quayle says, "Bob comes in here a lot. He doesn't just look like a Santa. It's something beyond his appearance. Just today I asked him what he had been up to and he answered, 'Wouldn't you like to know?' with mischief in his eyes."

Where are your reindeer?

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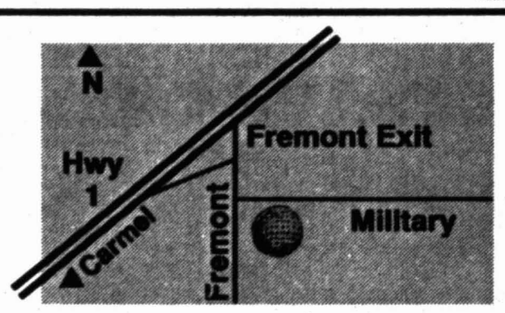

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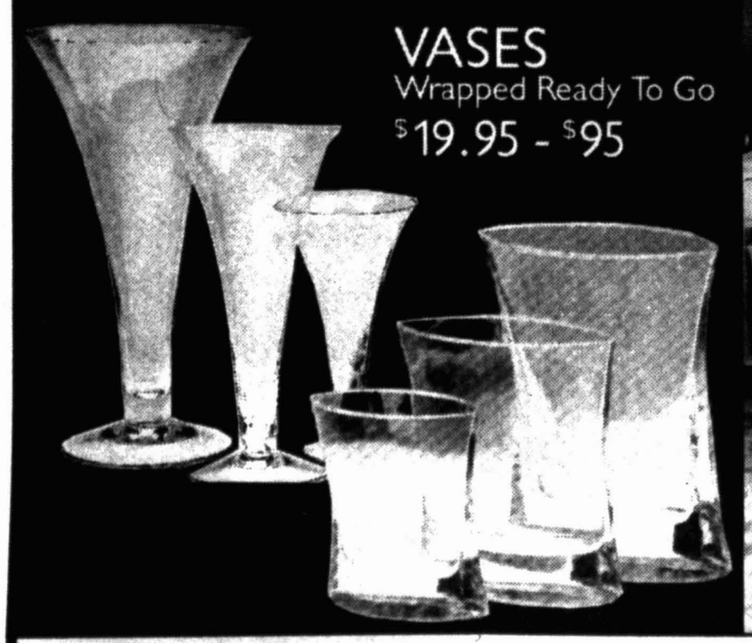

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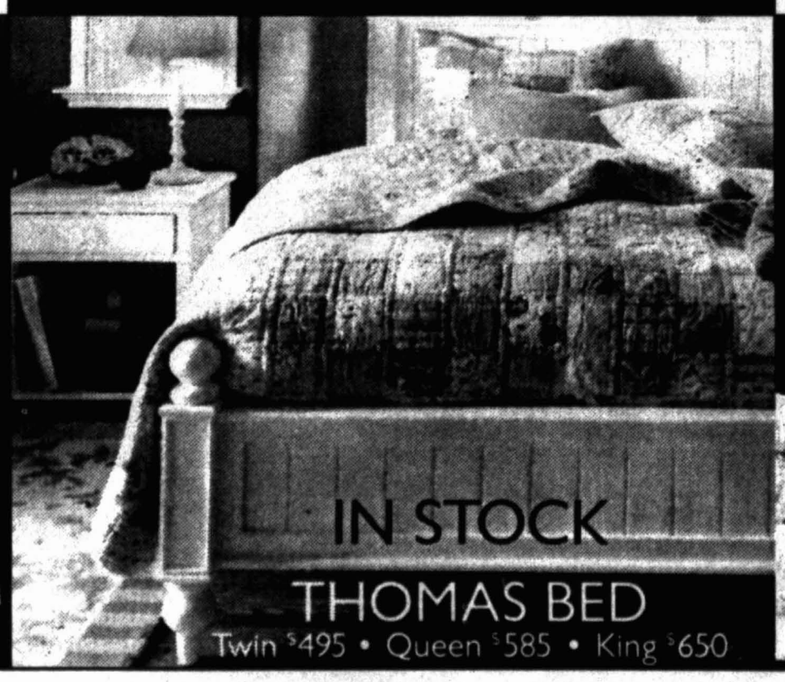

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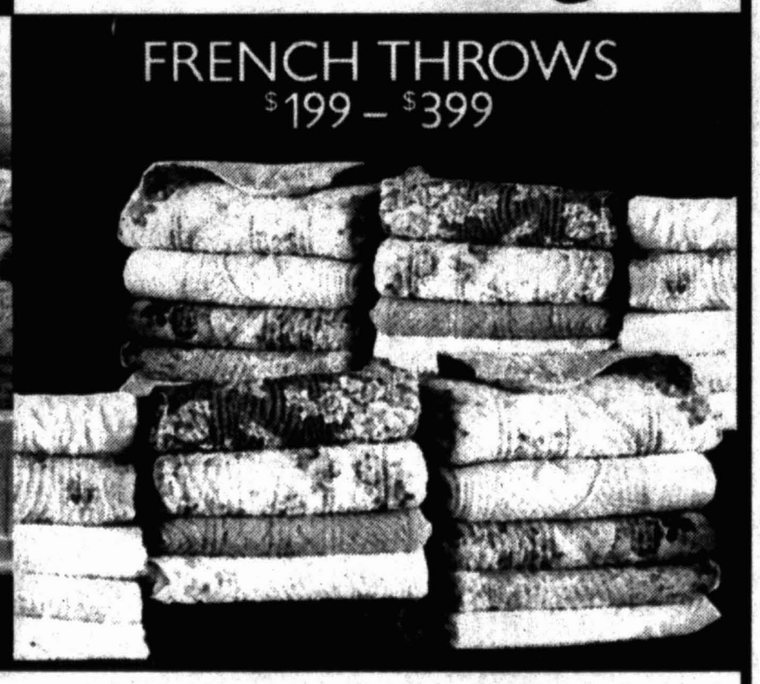

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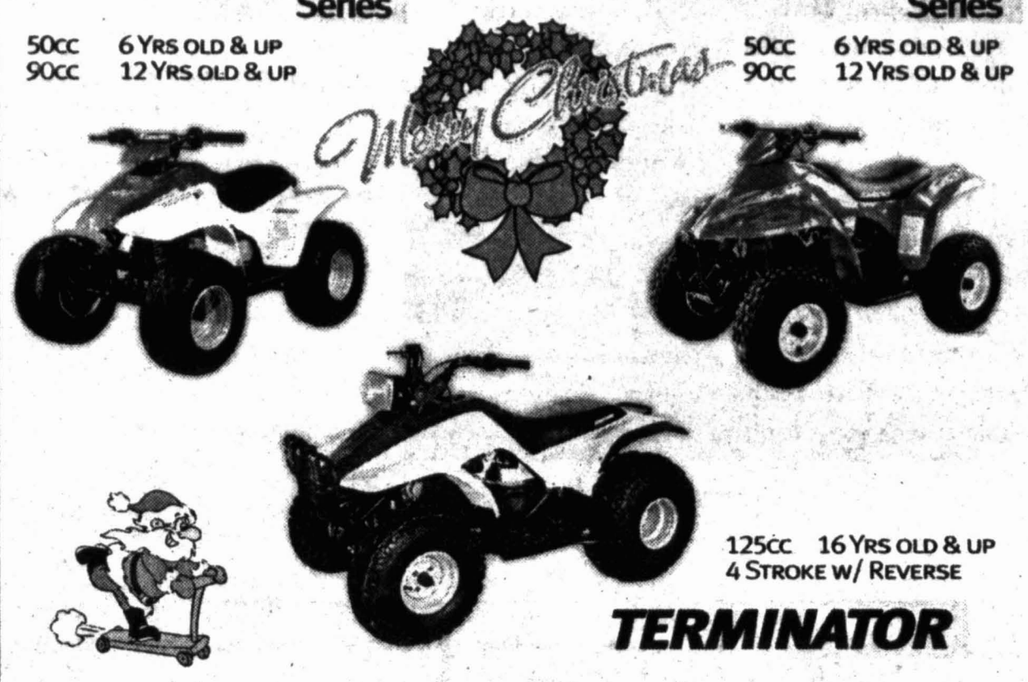

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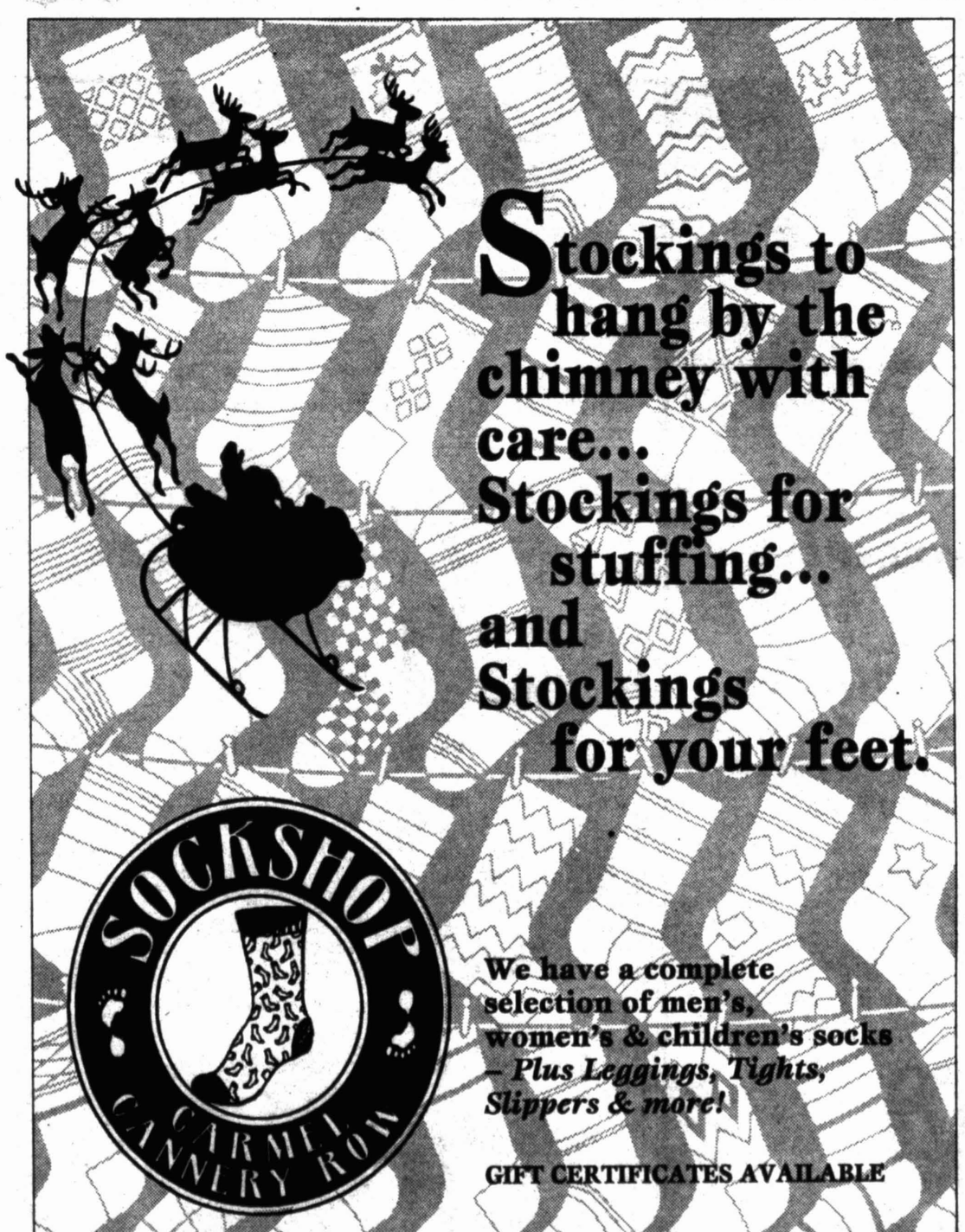
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children and the adults.

"I love my job, but really it is more than a job. When I am there at the Plaza, though it is all business for me, I am Santa. There is no other me," says Calais.

He masterfully meets the children on their level when they inquire "Where are your reindeer? Where is your sleigh?" Answers to their tender questions are as convincing as they are carefully given.

"I tell children that my reindeer team needs to be prepared for their great journey on Christmas Eve and that I have left them at the North Pole to get their rest. I took an airplane to get here this time," says Calais.

As for his elves, they are busily working at his shop at the North Pole, making the toys he will deliver.

They're the season's premier celebrities: Carmel Plaza's longtime Santa and Mrs. Claus, AKA Robert Calais and Victoria Paynter, hold forth in their holiday best.

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A promise kept

Calais feels very strongly that he never promises a child anything that is not within the realm of possibility or that will not be good for them. Often he issues behavioral qualifications for granting one's desire. If he senses an apparent rift between a child's request and his parent's approval he tailors his answer.

"Sometimes, I am informed by parents ahead of time on certain behaviors they would like to see and direct my answer. I may say, 'I have a report that you haven't been keeping your room clean — If you will pick up your room and help around the house, there is a good chance you will get that bike,' and the child looks up at me, stunned.

"One time an 8-year-old girl asked me for a sewing kit, and I asked her if she was going to use it to help her mother mend the family's clothes," says Calais.

Over the years the most often requested gifts for girls age 5 to 12 are dolls and skates. Boys usually want a bike or a car. "I still get 15- and 16-year-olds. They ask me for a driver's license. I think scooters will be the #1 request this year," he says.

Santa-sits are open to the very young right up to the fully grown and he is sensitive to tailor his rhetoric according to each individual.

"I feel fortunate no little one has ever had an accident on me yet," he remarks with a twinkle in his eye.

"The public is gullible and yet often I am the subject of their fun, too," says Calais.

It isn't unusual for Mom to ask for a new Mercedes to which Santa replies, "What color?"

Whether you see "Bob Calais" on the street or you feel more comfortable viewing Santa in his celebrated circumstance at the Plaza, you may yet retrieve your own childhood faith and believe in Santa Claus again.

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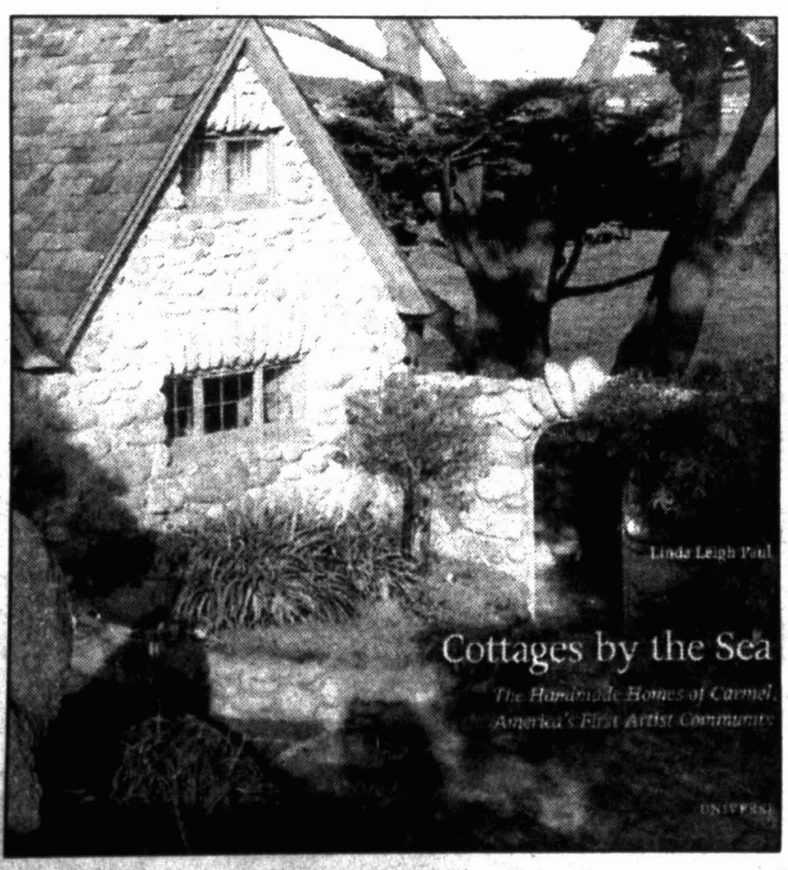

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Carmel Woods resident Dana Reynolds (left) commissioned Big Sur artist Erin Gafill to create a mural depicting Old Testament women for a prayer room in her home. The project ultimately surprised them both.

Unwrapping our inner gifts

By DANA REYNOLDS

The tradition of sharing gifts with one another is an integral part of the holiday season. We make lists, shop, select and at last carefully wrap each present for thoughtful presentation. These festive offerings are tangible tokens of love and caring.

There are also gifts of a numinous kind that can't be shopped for or tied up with ribbons. These are gifts given to us by God. They manifest in the forms of creativity, vision and unique abilities and they are also to be shared. Sometimes through the sharing a co-creation occurs. This is the story of how a writer and an artist were guided and

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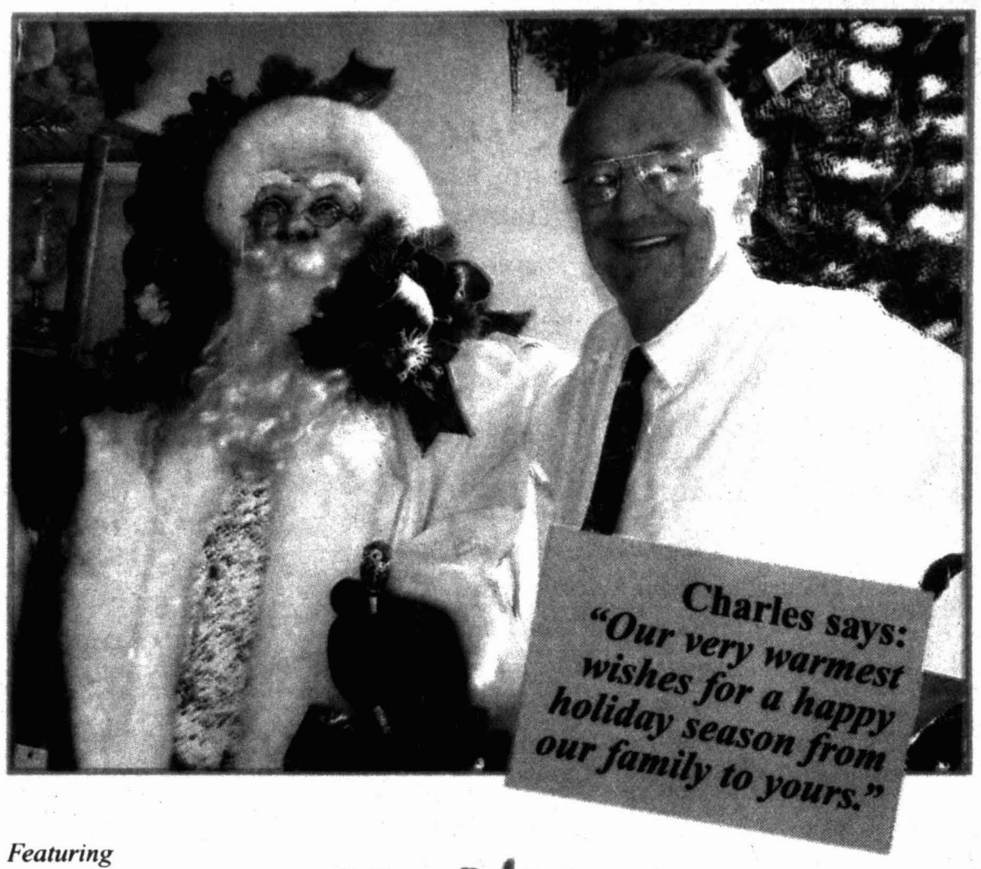

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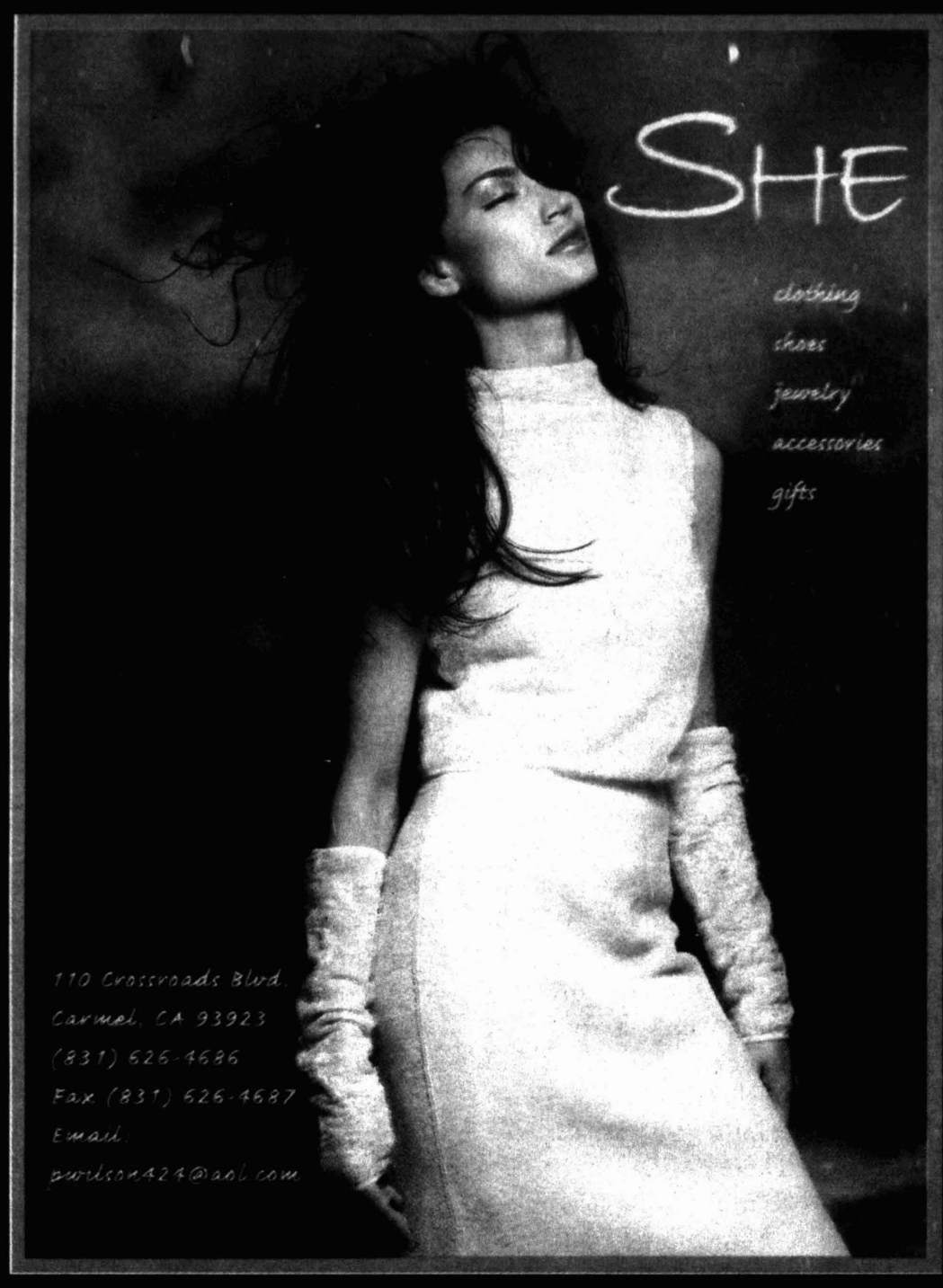

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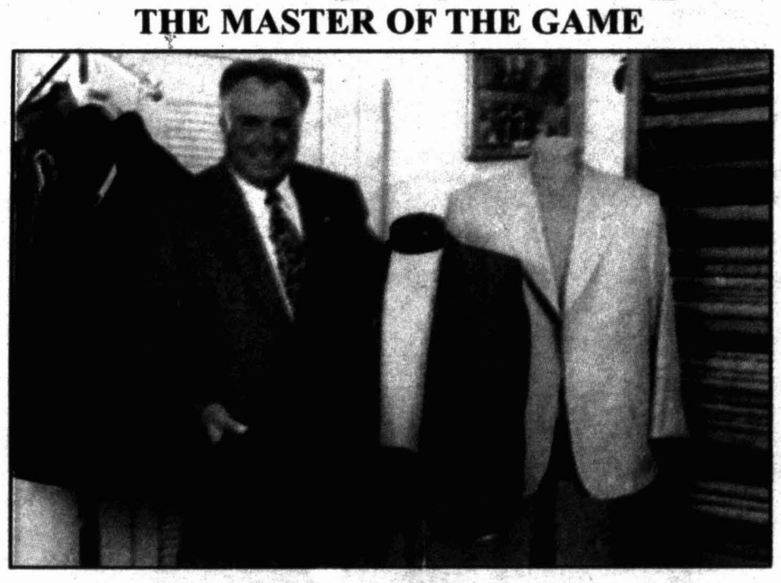

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inspired by God to share their gifts with one another through a co-creative process that ultimately would touch the lives of many.

Sacred space

Several years ago when my husband and I moved into our home in the Carmel Woods I was blessed with a vision. We have a small room downstairs that is known as the prayer room. It is a sacred space filled with icons, statues and books pertaining to spiritual wisdom. My vision came to me one day while I was meditating. I saw luminous sacred paintings on the prayer room walls. They seemed to emerge from within the stucco, like ancient frescoes excavated from antiquity.

I knew I was being called to find a way to create what had been revealed to me. I also understood that the paintings and the space itself, once they were completed, were to be shared with and experienced by many. Images began surfacing from the pages of the books I use for inspiration for my collage work, a form of visual prayer.

One day as I was reading, I turned to an exquisite picture of a painting by Pontormo, a 16th century Italian artist. It depicted the story of The Visitation where the Blessed Virgin Mary greets her cousin, Elizabeth, announcing that she is carrying a child. Elizabeth, who believed she was barren, is pregnant with John the Baptist. She feels him leap within her at the news. There is a look of deep recognition exchanged between Mary and her cousin.

Saint Anne, Mary's mother, stands nearby alongside a woman whose identity is a mystery. The story of this painting offers a metaphor. Each of us carries a special gift within the soul. We have opportunities each day to not only embrace our own gifts, but also to recognize, appreciate and acknowledge the gifts within another person. We are supported by the wisdom of our ancestors and there are always those who are a mystery in our life, who are also seeking acceptance and acknowledgement of their gifts within.

I knew The Visitation was to be the first painting for the prayer room walls. I prayed to be guided to the artist who would be a co-creator of this sacred project.

Big Sur visit

Soon after this, my husband and I went to Nepenthe in Big Sur one glorious Saturday afternoon. I had been there many times before but on this particular day when I went to the restroom in the Phoenix Shop the beauty and life of the Renaissance murals on the restroom walls astounded me. I stood there as though seeing them for the first time.

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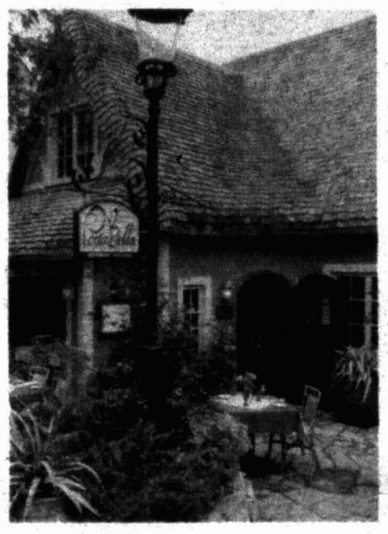

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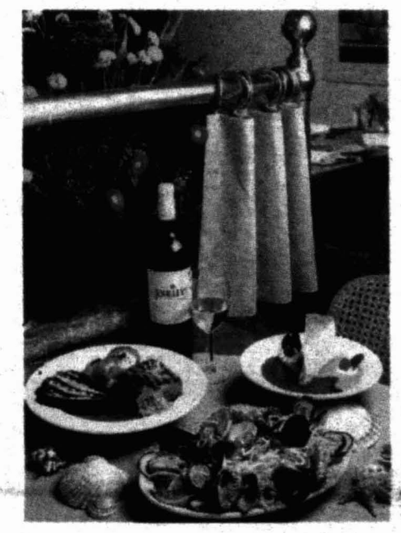

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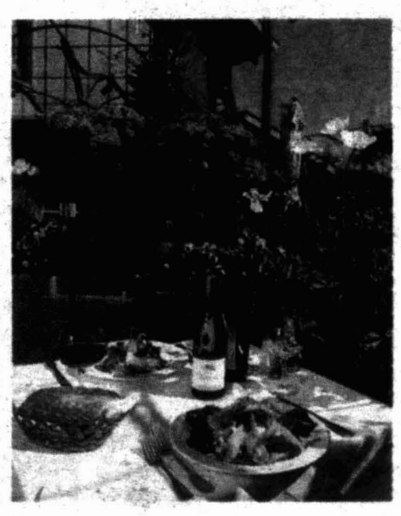

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It was then that I knew I had found the other half of the coin. The gifted artist who had painted the exquisite paintings before my eyes was the person who would bring life to my vision. Erin Gafill, who grew up and lives in the log cabin above Nepenthe, belong to one of the founding artistic families of Carmel.

When I called and briefly explained about my vision, Erin at first felt hesitant to take on the commission. To paint what pleased her was one thing. To paint something of such an emotional and meaningful weight for someone else was quite another. We agreed to meet at my home to discuss the concept in detail.

Time evaporated as we sipped tea and shared our stories of art-making, writing and holy moments. Something mysterious and deeply meaningful was taking place. We sensed in one another a kindred link. The individual gifts of a Divine vision and artistic talent were about to merge to create a new friendship blessed with collaborative spirit.

Painting begins

Several weeks later The Visitâtion painting was underway. Witnessing Erin's creative process was a privilege. As she painted and unpainted, scratching away at hard lines with sandpaper, imbuing the work with a sense of antiquity, it truly was as though she were excavating a painting that had always existed within the wall.

The story of this painting offers a metaphor. Each of us carries a special gift within the soul. We have opportunities each day to not only embrace our own gifts, but also to recognize, appreciate and acknowledge the gifts within another person.

For the second painting, Erin presented a 15th Century image of Mary representing the young Jewish woman studying her sacred text. Her hand is raised as though to halt the passage of time. We knew this was the next piece of the story. Erin and I envisioned this painting to be considerably smaller than the first one. Both works would occupy the same wall and we agreed that Miriam should appear as a vignette.

When the image was projected onto the wall for placement she appeared 10 times larger than we had anticipated. We were amazed. It was clear that once again Mystery was working alongside us. Like Erin's

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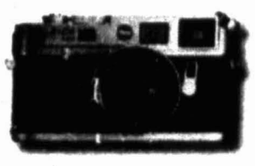

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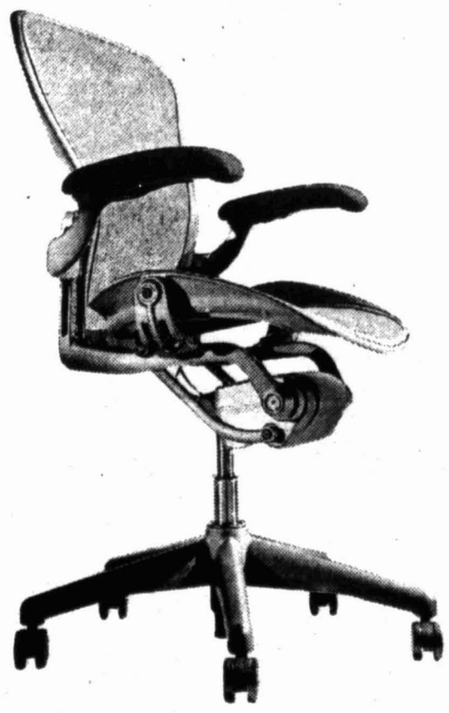

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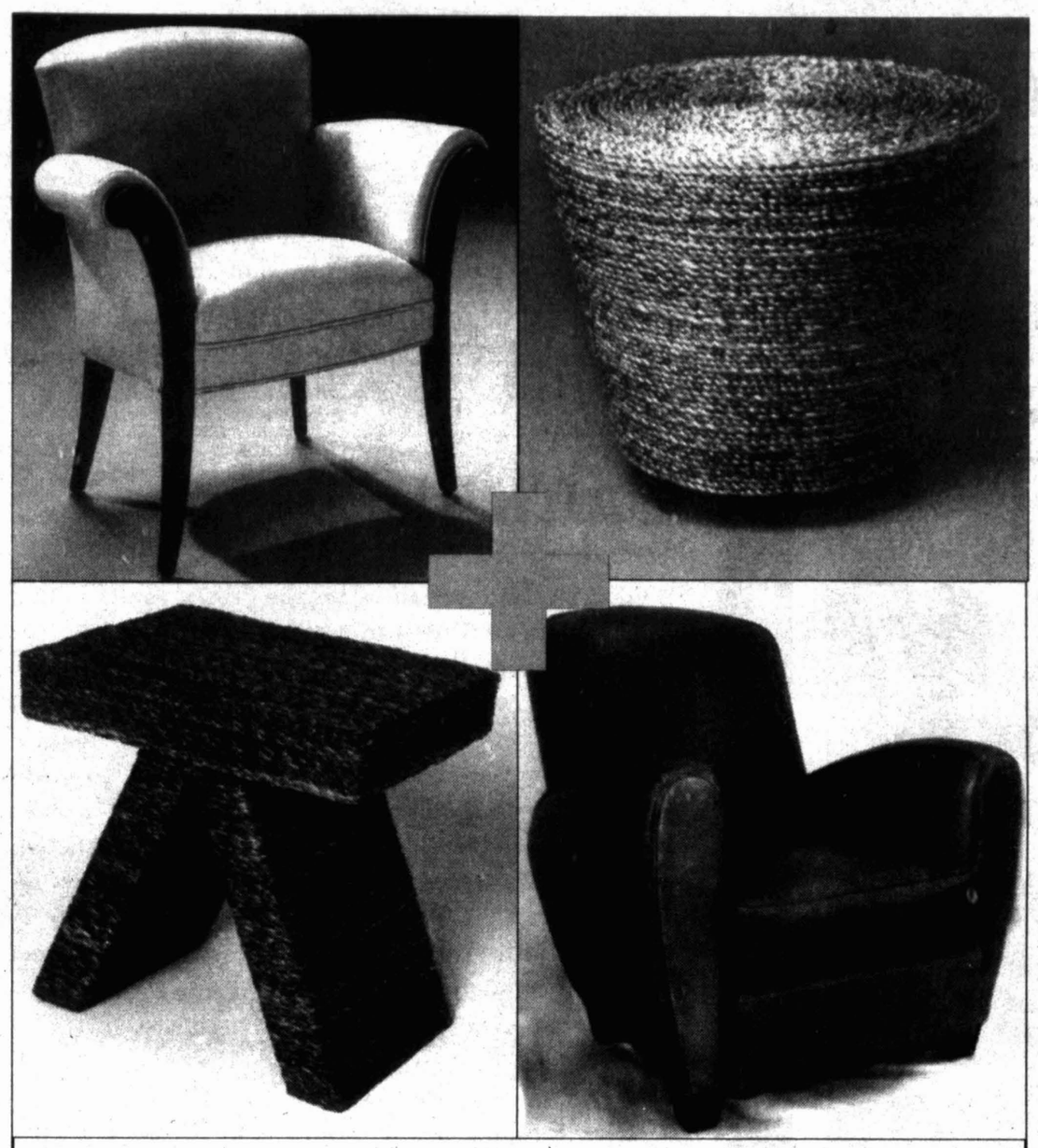

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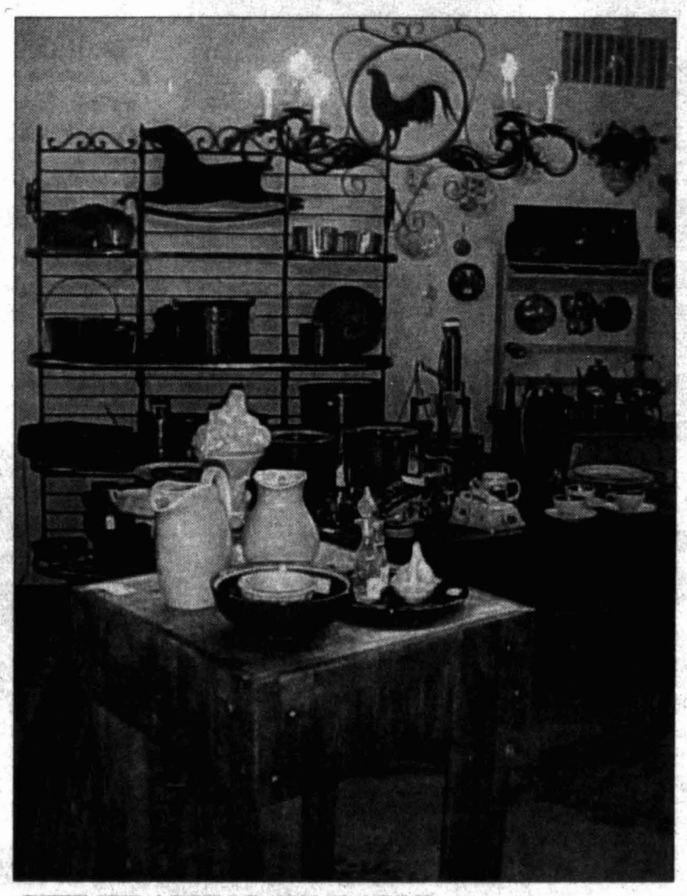

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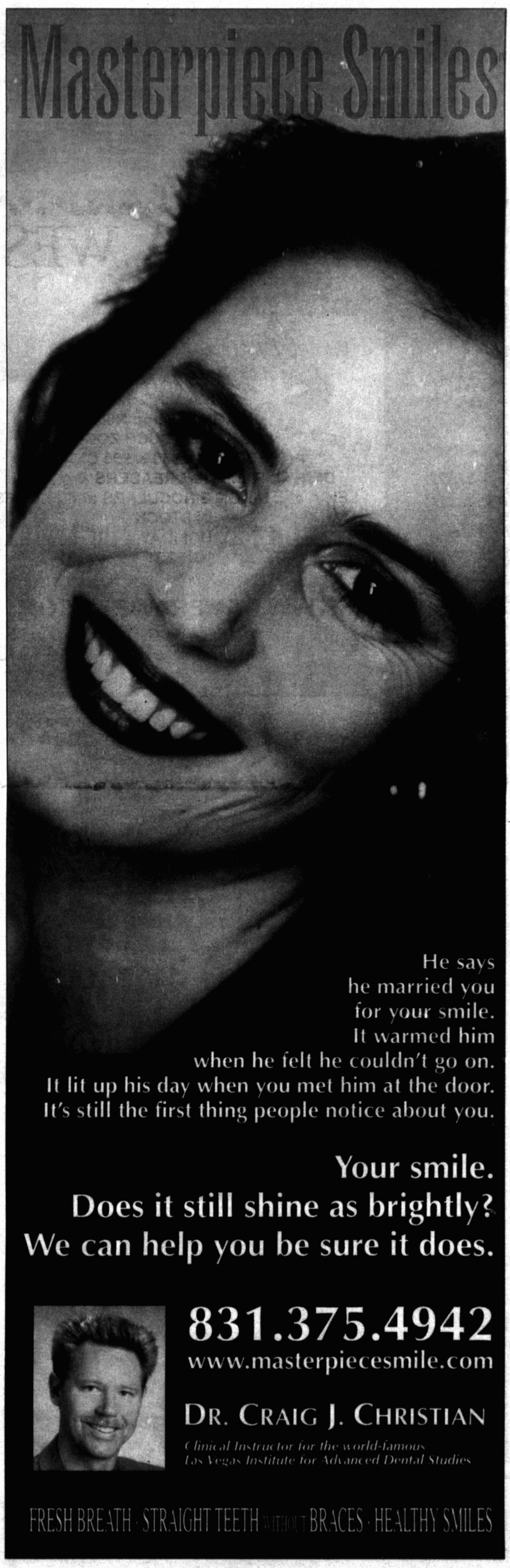

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The holiday event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17 at Hidden Valley Music Seminars on Carmel Valley Road at Ford Road.

Hiroshi Ogawa, a nationally known maker of wood-fired pottery, founded the artists fair 20 years ago along with Jenny Klein, creator of functional pottery and Robin Begbie who designs both functional and sculptural pottery.

These three founders will join 17 others exhibiting at the two day event.

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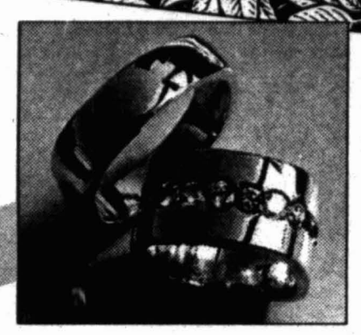

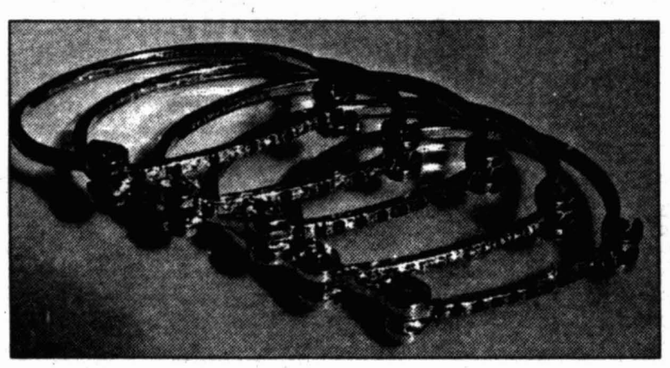

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paintings, the inspiration for the "story" walls of the prayer room continues to emerge.

She is currently working on the third painting of Mary on the wall above the altar. She will add flourishes and details borrowed from medieval manuscripts. Erin has shared that it is impossible to work with the images and not feel their effect. She has spent hours recreating the paintings in every detail while receiving a powerful sense of peace and purpose in the process.

When the entire room is complete Erin says, "One will feel as though they have stepped into a page of an illuminated book of prayers."

Morning ritual

Each morning before dawn I light the candles and sit in silence with the blessed women on the walls. I am humbled and in awe of how they arrived in this place. Through my work as a writer and facilitator of women's spiritual circles, many have visited the prayer room. The paintings seem to speak to each person in a language without words. Meanwhile, the world outside prepares for holiday celebrations. Gifts will be purchased, wrapped and exchanged.

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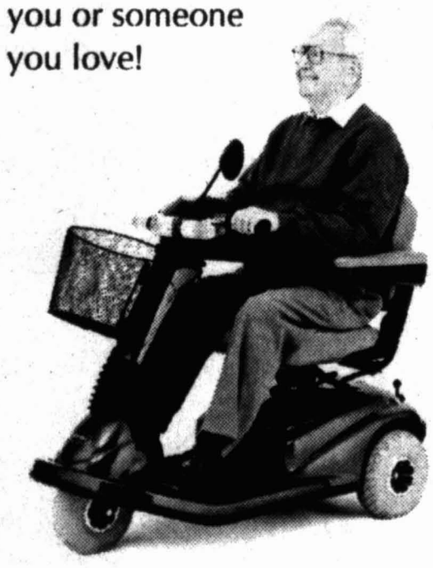

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It's all about Christmas sharing

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHILE MANY are surrounded by friends and family throughout the holidays, some Peninsula residents — particularly those living in nursing homes — find themselves alone during the holidays.

Which is why Carmel Valley resident Patricia Qualls began gathering presents and building gift baskets for them 19 years ago, and has done so every holiday season since.

Each year, after buying numerous gifts from a long list provided by nursing homes, Qualls and her husband, Doug Adams, set up tables in Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center for a massive gift-wrapping and gift-basket-assembling effort.

'She (Qualls) met a young man in a convalescent home and who had broken his neck and had nobody. She went and visited him, and found out there were lots of people like that.'

— Doug Adams

"We serve three convalescent homes, and ask caregivers there what the people want," Adams explained. "We go out and shop and buy all that stuff, and then we have a big gathering."

The gathering involves tables full of gifts, necessities and wrapping materials, and volunteers work through the piles, wrapping presents and putting together gift baskets.

Last year, elves participating in Qualls' and Adams' "Christmas Sharing" wrapped 800 gifts, and assembled about 70 gift baskets, according to Adams.

"It's a major production — it takes a lot of work," Adams said.

What the holidays are about

"She started it basically as a way to celebrate Christmas by giving to others," Adams said of Qualls' desire to satisfy convalescent home residents' holiday wishes.

"She met a young man in a convalescent home and who had broken his neck and had nobody," he said. "She went and visited him, and found out there were lots of people like that."

In addition to providing gifts to people at SunBridge Care Center, Monterey Bay Residential Care and Natividad Medical Center, Christmas Sharing also adopts a family on which to bestow holiday splendor.

Last year, the recipients were a bed-ridden grandmother in Seaside and the five grandchildren for whom she was caring, according to Adams.

"We were able to provide presents, dinner and a tree," he said.

Help needed

It costs about $3,000 to purchase gifts for the recipients, according to Adams, and Christmas Sharing will happily accept cash donations or gifts, including:

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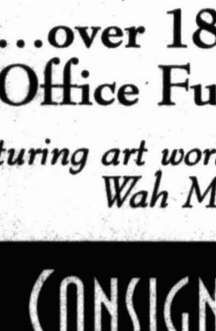

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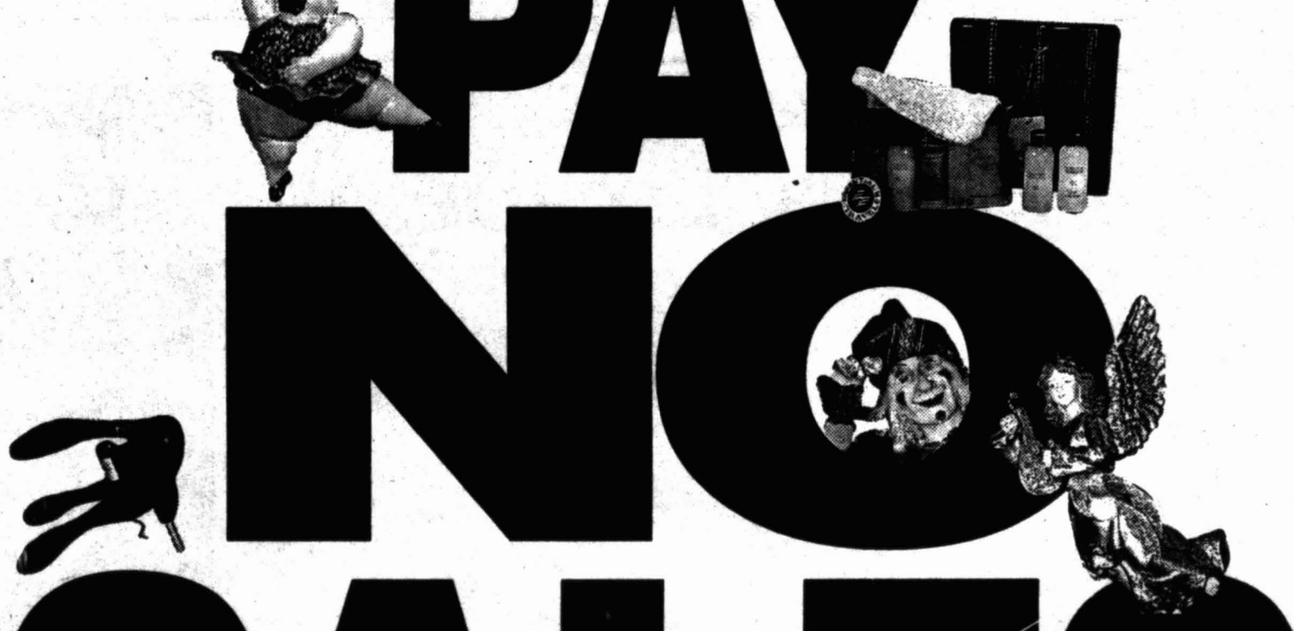

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Anyone with a little time to spare can come to Carpenter Hall in Sunset Center on Dec. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. to help wrap gifts and assemble gift baskets. Elves who participate can expect vast amounts of Christmas cheer, along with munchies to help keep the energy levels high, he said. Help is also needed in delivering the gifts.

"It provides a lot of joy," he said. "It really helps the people who participate to feel grateful, while giving to others."

Anyone interested in participating in Christmas Sharing or making a donation should call Adams at 659-8580.

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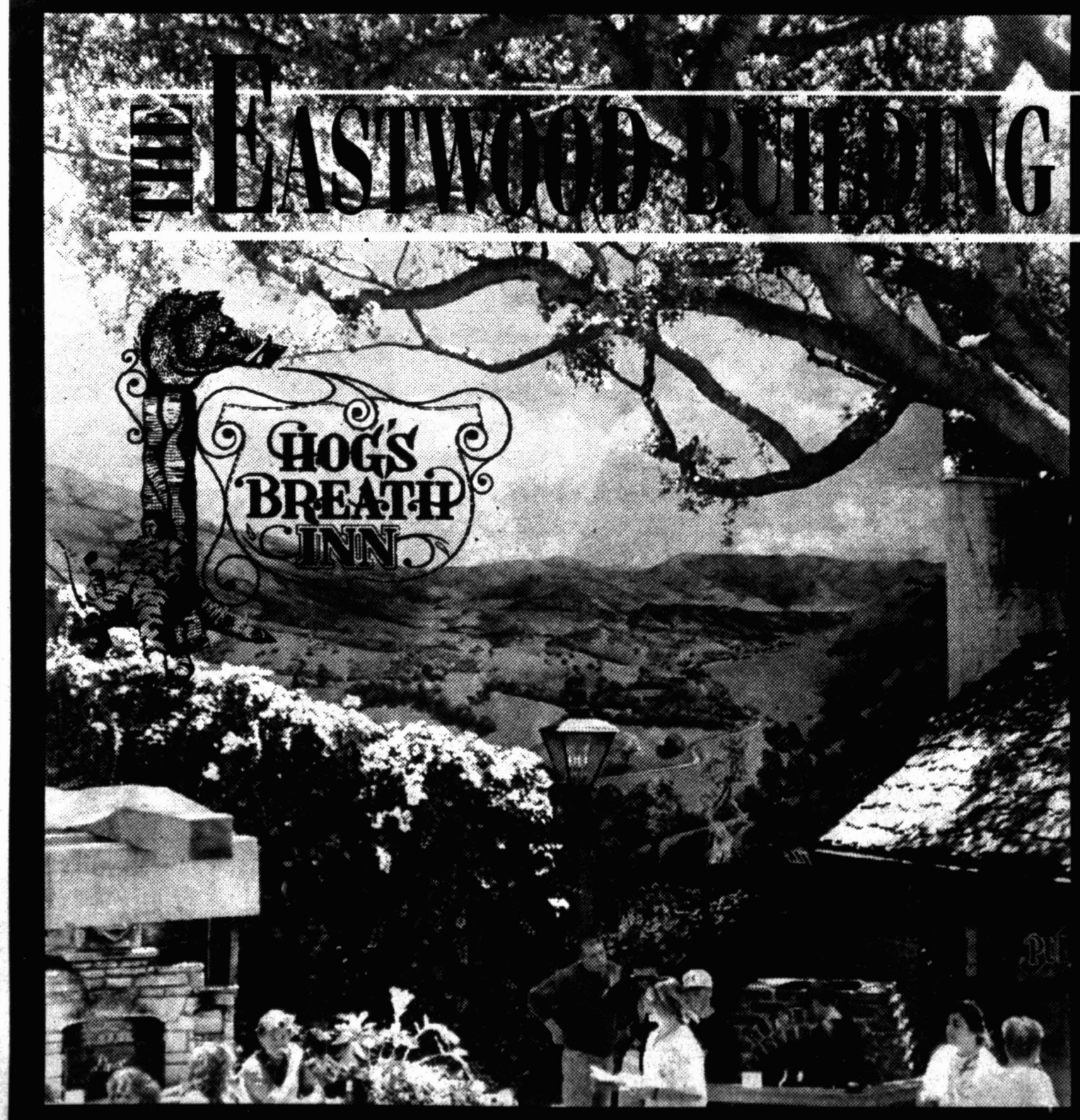

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Santa to trade sleigh and reindeer for shiny red fire engines

By MARY BROWNFIELD

SOMETIMES, SLEIGHS just aren't practical. Or maybe the reindeer need a break. At any rate, Santa will deliver special gifts to Carmel Valley children from the seat of a fire engine for a few hours on Christmas Eve.

The Valley's two fire departments — Carmel Valley and Mid Carmel Valley — plan to help Santa deliver his presents by providing him with fire trucks and a whole bunch of elves. They also gather presents, map the routes and make sure the North Pole resident has all his proper gear.

'When you pull into a driveway with lights and siren, and see them looking out the window, they literally jump up and down, their eyes wide with wonder. They will come to you and be so excited — by the end of the evening, you know there really is a Santa.'

— Patrick Dowd

Where it all began

Carmel Valley Fire has been hosting Mr. Claus for more than 30 years, according to battalion chief Patrick Dowd. Current acting chief Bill Parham — who has worked as a volunteer with the department for 35 years — sparked the effort: He'd seen the San Diego firefighters helping Santa out, and thought C.V. volunteers could do the same, according to Dowd.

Over the past three decades, the Carmel Valley venture has grown to utilize four fire engines, with three or four helpers on each engine. They deliver wrapped gifts (dropped off at the department earlier in the week by the givers) to children living in the area between Garland Park and Sleepy Hollow, Dowd said.

"At about 5 p.m. Santa starts his rounds — with red lights, sirens and bells," he said. He tries to finish delivery by 9 p.m., because he knows the young ones have to get to bed, Dowd added.

"Many times, Santa's invited into people's homes, and often offered cookies and milk, but he tries not to eat or drink during the trip — it's a long trip," he said.

Dowd has helped Santa every year since he joined

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the department 20 years ago, and enjoys the joy the visit brings to children.

"When you pull into a driveway with lights and siren, and see them looking out the window, they literally jump up and down, their eyes wide with wonder," he said. "They will come to you and be so excited — by the end of the evening, you know there really is a Santa."

One year, at a home full of family and a splendid dinner, one of the five children for whom Santa had brought gifts was afraid, and clung to his mother, recalled Dowd.

"And Santa said, 'It's OK — I'm a big man in red with a big beard, and you only see me once a year — it's OK to be scared,' and handed the boy his present," he said. "So Santa went out, and we were ready to go, and he saw little boy running down the driveway, so he got back down off the truck. The little boy came up to him and said, 'I really do believe in you,' and Santa said, 'I really do believe in you, too.' Santa got back up and had to wait before going to the next house, because he couldn't see so well for a minute." Even Santa gets misty-eyed.

Dowd and the others relish the opportunity to share the holiday spirit with the community, despite the inevitable exhaustion that follows and the loss of spending time with their own families on Christmas Eve.

"The other side of it is, it's also a gift that our families give to the people of the Valley," he said. "For those years we've been with the department, we haven't been with our families on Christmas Eve. It's a gift not only from us, but from our wives and our children."

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Santa enlists a meticulously trained squad of green firefighter elves when he distributes gifts from Mid Valley.

Mid Valley, too

Inspired by its neighbor further out the Valley, the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Department also hosts Santa, and offers engines for use in getting gifts to about 300 children living in homes between Rancho San Carlos Road and Garland Park, according to Mid Carmel Valley Fire Chief Sidney Reade.

"Carmel Valley Fire does it, so when we became a fire department [almost 25 years ago], we just wanted to mirror our brother fire department and carry on the tradition in the community," Reade said.

The work is some of the most satisfying all year, according to Reade — it allows firefighters to see many of the people they serve, but on a much happier occasion than those that typically involve the fire department.

"There's joy in the community, and it brings peace of mind because we are typically in homes when there's an emergency. It provides balance for the firefighters," she said. "It is definitely one of the most fulfilling acts that we do here, and the firefighters really look forward to their roles as elves, assisting Santa."

Santa's helpers comprise the newest volunteers to join Mid Carmel Valley Fire, according to Reade. The role involves the costume — complete with "funny green shoes" — and an hour's worth of waving to passersby on Carmel Valley Road before heading out to help Santa.

"The firefighters here are dedicated to maintaining the Santa suit and Santa spirit," Reade said. "And Santa's very familiar with his seat on the fire engine."

The logistics of getting gifts of all shapes and sizes to their intended recipients involves much work by the Mid Valley and Carmel Valley elves.

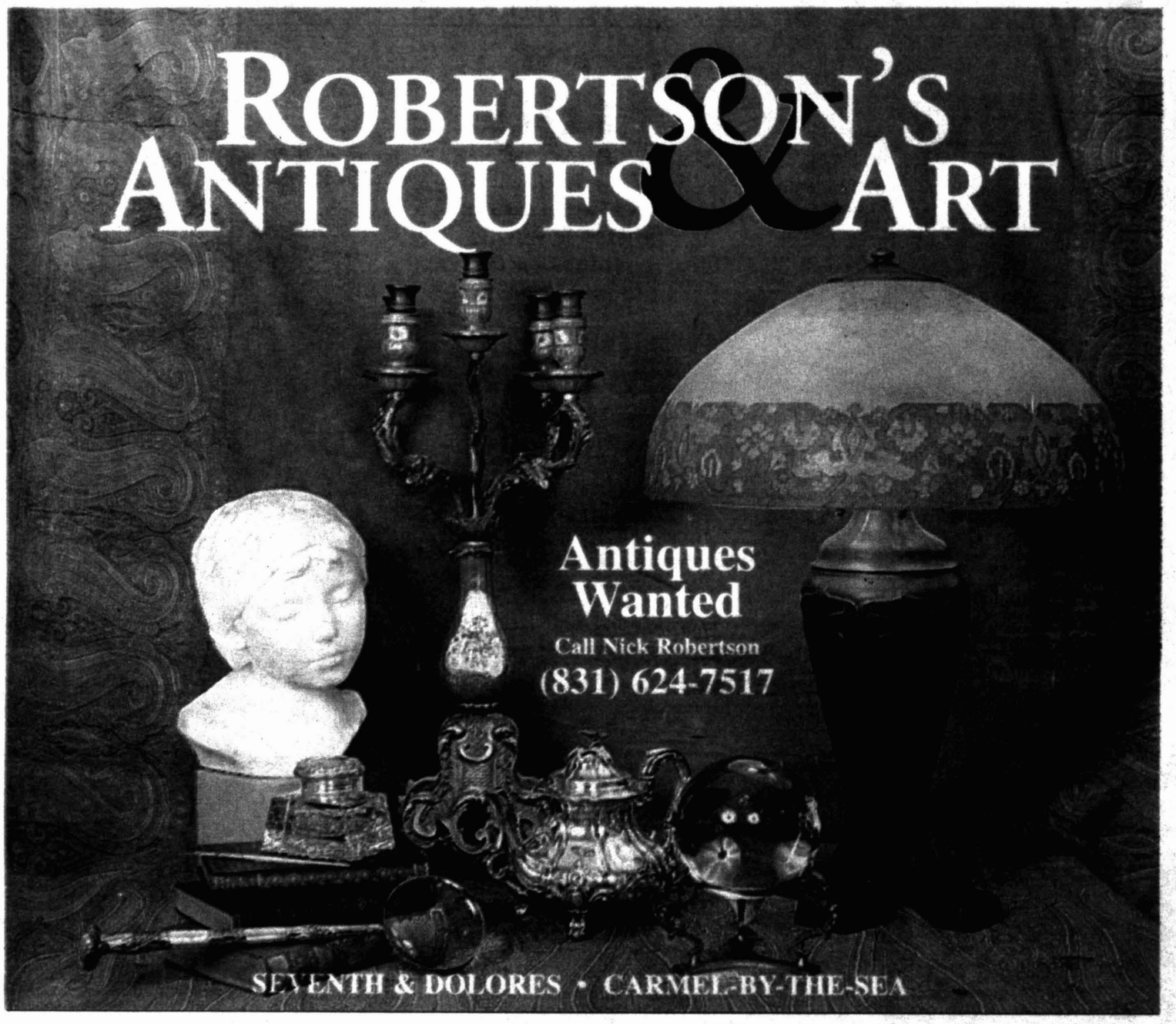
"With somewhere around 300 gifts, we have to start pretty early in the day in order to make all of the deliveries so that Santa can keep his schedule with the rest of the world, and so that our firefighter elves can get home to their families on Christmas Eve," Reade said of her department's participation.

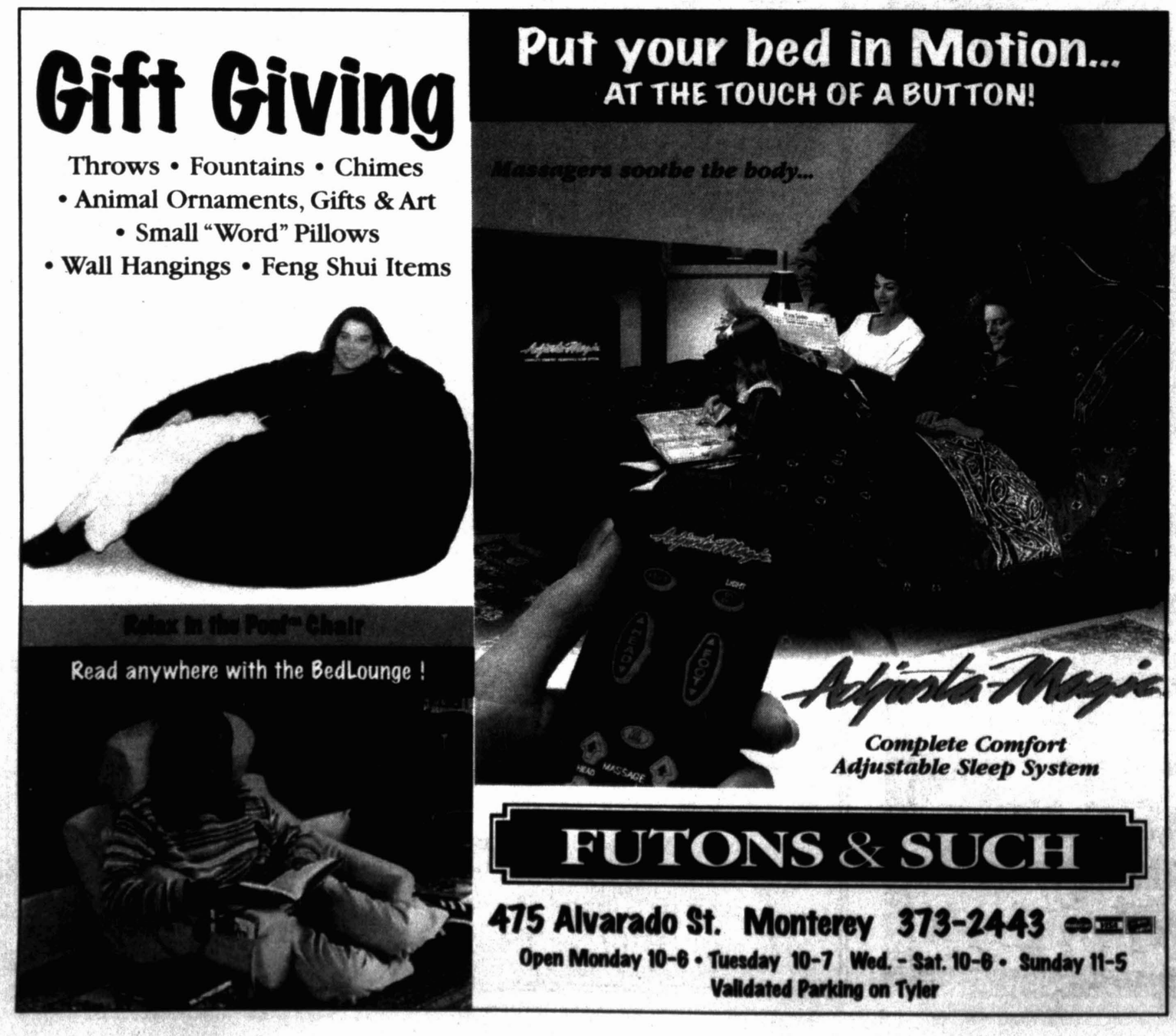
Elves at each agency pore over over maps in order to provide Santa with the best routes, and doing so has an added benefit, according to Reade.

"We are in control of making sure we get to all the houses in the right order and getting the right presents to the right kids," she said. "And if we ever have to go to one of those homes in an emergency, it will be that much easier to find it."

Reade said one of the delights of the event is seeing the gleam in parents' eyes as they bring in those extra special gifts for their children.

But both departments wanted to remind them to leave the really heavy items — along with any Christmas pets — at home under the tree, and to bring only one package per child.

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Sage words from Santa

SANTA STOPPED off at the Carmel River School library the afternoon of Dec. 1 to congratulate the boys in Cub Scout Den 2 on their donation of toys to needy children through the Salvation Army. While visiting, he and Mrs. Claus also took the time to hear the gift wishes of the scouts and other children.

But with that came a few words of advice from Santa: "Clean your rooms, and I don't mean just pushing stuff under the bed. Wear helmets when riding scooters. And don't forget the big, fat, homemade chocolate chip and macadamia nut cookies — no store-bought ones."

DELIVERY

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"We'll take anything within reason — anything that will help make their Christmas Eve special," Reade said.

Santa's Carmel Valley schedule

Anyone with a gift to be delivered by Santa in the Mid Valley area should drop it off — wrapped and labeled with the child's name, address and telephone number — at the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Station at 8455 Carmel Valley Road, any day between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on or before Dec. 23. For more information, call 624-5907.

And gifts to be delivered in the Carmel Valley area should be dropped off at Carmel Valley's station at 26 Via Contenta, wrapped and labeled with the child's name, address and phone number, according to Dowd. He asked that the gifts be only for young children — not teenagers or adults — and encouraged people to bring them in as early as possible, to allow the elves to get to work planning Santa's routes. For more information, call 659-2021.

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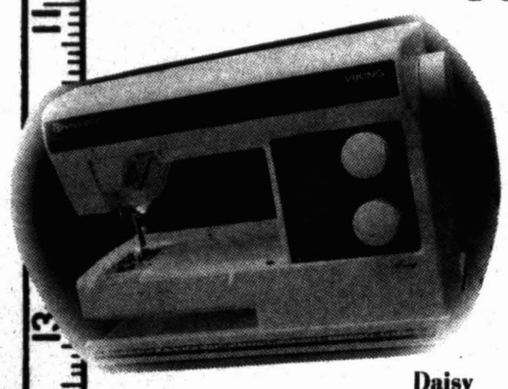

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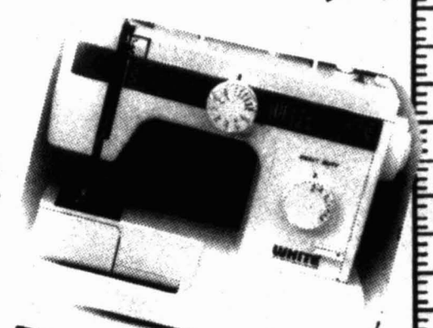

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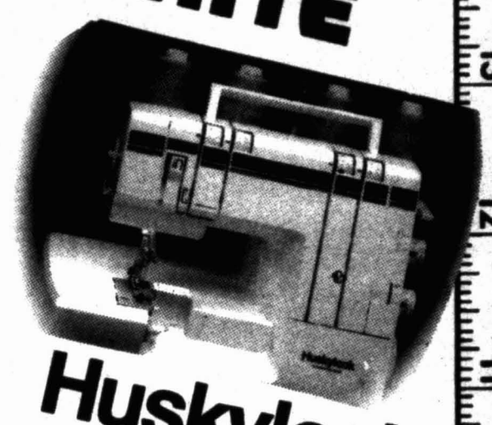

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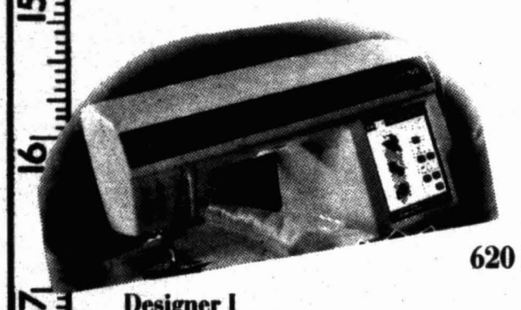

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